WEATHER.

Fair Sunday. Monday fair, somewhat warmer.

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ENTENTE NATIONS REFUSE TO CONSIDER PEACE OVERTURES OF CENTRAL POWERS

In Reply Sent Yesterday the Proposal is Characterized as "Empty and Insincere."

ONLY A "WAR MANEUVER"

Says Peace Upon the German Idea Would be Only to Advantage of the Teutonic Allies.

PRESENTS BELGIUM'S AIMS

Joint Note Handed to Ambassador Sharp to be Delivered.

Paris, December 30.—In reply to the proffer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the Entente Allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere."

The note was handed to American Ambassador William Graves Sharp today by Premier Briand, and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris.

The Entente allied governments insist that peace is not possible so long as they had not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties and the free existence of small states and have not brought about a settlement for the future security of the world.

Not An Offer of Peace.

The note declares that the proposal of the Central Powers is not an offer of peace, but a "war maneuver." It is declared to be founded on "calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

The note does not specifically outline the definite war aims of any of the Entente governments, except Belgium. Before the war, it is pointed out, Belgium asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Assailed in spite of the treaties guaranteeing her inviolability, Belgium, the note says, has taken up arms to defend her independence and "her neutrality violated by Germany."

Belgium's Desire.

Belgium's aim, which is declared to be the only aim of her king and government, is described as "the re-establishment of peace and justice." But they only desire peace which would assure to the country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the future.

The note, which is the joint act of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Russia and Serbia, declares that the present strife was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and that Germany made no effort to bring about a pacific solution of the trouble between Serbia and Austria-Hungary, as did Great Britain, France and Russia.

A peace concluded upon the German idea would be only to the advantage of the Central Powers, says the note, while disasters caused by the war demand penalties ,reparation and guarantees.

"As a War Maneuver."

The overtures are described as a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The overtures also are said to have the effect of intimidating neutral public opinion as well as to stiffen opinion in the Central Powers "worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants."

Finally, it is asserted, these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world, "a new series of crimes—submarine warfare, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violation of neutrality."

Proposal of Teutonic Allies Is Termed a "Sham" in Joint Answer of Entente Nations

Note Says It is Not Upon the Word of Germany "That the Peace Broken by Her May be Based"—Declares the Proposal Appears More of a War Maneuver Than an Offer of Peace—Full Text of the Reply Published.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The full text of the Entente Allies' reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers, dispatched today, follows:

"The allied governments of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania, Russia and Serbia, united for the defense of the liberty of their peoples and faithful to engagements taken not to lay down their arms separately, have resolved to reply collectively to the pretended propositions of peace which were addressed to them on behalf of the enemy governments through the intermediary of the United States, Spain, Switzerland and Holland. Before making any reply the allied powers desire particularly to protest against the two essential assertions of the note of the enemy powers that pretend to throw upon the Allies responsibility for the war and proclaim the victory of the Central Powers.

"The allied governments cannot admit an affirmation doubly inexact and which suffices to render sterile all tentative negotiation. The allied nations have sustained for thirty months a war they did everything to avoid. They have shown by their acts their attachment to peace. That attachment is as strong today as it was in 1914. But it is not upon the word of Germany, after the violation of its engagements, that the peace broken by her may be based.

A "Sham Proposal."

"A mere suggestion, without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened is not an offer of peace. The putting forward by the imperial government of a sham proposal lacking all substance and precision, would appear to be less an offer of peace than a war maneuver. It is founded on calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and in the future.

As for the past, the German note takes no account of the facts, dates and figures which establish that the war was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary.

"At The Hague conference it was a German delegate who refused all proposals for disarmament. In July, 1914, it was Austria-Hungary who, after having addressed to Serbia an unprecedented ultimatum, declared war upon her in spite of the satisfaction which had at once been accorded.

"The Central Empires then rejected all attempts made by the Entente to bring about a pacific solution of a purely local conflict. Great Britain suggested a conference, France proposed an international commission; the emperor of Russia asked the German emperor to go to arbitration and Russia and Austria-Hungary came to an understanding on the eve of the conflict. But to all these efforts Germany gave neither answer nor effect.

"Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and which had the assurance to proclaim that treaties were 'scraps of paper' and that 'necessity knows no law.'

Would Give Advantage to Aggressors.

"At the present moment these sham offers on the part of Germany rest on the 'war map' of Europe alone, which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the situation, and not the real strength of the belligerents. A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to the advantage of the aggressors, who, after imaging that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it.

"As for the future, the disasters caused by the German declaration of war and the innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her allies against both belligerents and neutrals, demand penalties, reparation and guarantees. Germany avoids mention of any of these.

"In reality these overtures made by the Central Powers are nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of war and to end it by imposing a German peace. The object of these overtures is to create dissension in public opinion in the allied countries. But that public opinion has, in spite of all the sacrifices endured by the Allies, already given its answer with admirable firmness and has denounced the empty pretence of the declaration of the enemy powers.

"They have the further object of stiffening public opinion in Germany and the countries allied to her—one and all severely tried by their losses, worn out by economic pressure and crushed by the supreme effort which has been imposed upon their inhabitants.

An Attempt to Deceive.

"They endeavor to deceive and intimidate public opinion in neutral countries whose inhabitants have long since made up their minds where the initial responsibilities lie and are far too enlightened to favor the designs of Germany by abandoning the defence of human freedom.

"Finally, these overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes—submarine warfare, deportations, forced labor and forced enlistment of the inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality.

"Fully conscious of the gravity of this moment, but equally conscious of its requirements, the allied governments, closely united to one another and in perfect sympathy with their peo-

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RAILROAD LEGISLATION URGED BY PRESIDENT

Goes to the Capitol to Confer with Senator Newlands.

Desires Passage of Measure Recommended Supplementary to the Adamson Law—Newlands Thinks No Strike.

Washington, Dec. 30—President Wilson today emphasized his desire for railroad legislation supplementary to the Adamson law by making a special trip to the Capitol to confer with Senator Newlands, chairman of the Commerce committee, who will have charge of expediting through Congress the measures recommended by the President in his recent message. Committee hearings on the railroad measures will begin next Tuesday.

Although Senator Newlands would not discuss the conference, it was learned from an authoritative source that recent railroad developments pending settlement of the constitutionality of the Adamson act have not altered the President's view regarding supplementary legislation and that he still particularly desires passage at this session of the measure he recommended. They are designed to prevent railroad strikes pending investigation and disputes and to empower the President to take over railroad, telegraph and telephone lines in times of military necessity.

Whether President Wilson disclosed any alarm over reports of a threatened strike since negotiations between brotherhood officials and railroad managers in New York were broken off, could not be learned. Senator Newlands said he did not believe there was any immediate danger of a strike and

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EIGHT ARMY AVIATORS REACH PHILADELPHIA

Make the Flight From Hampstead, L. I., in Less Than Two Hours.

Four Other Men Who Started in the Qualification Test For Government Pilot Licenses Were Forced to Land.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Eight of the 12 army aviators who started from Hempstead, L. I., for this city today in a qualification test for government pilot licenses, arrived at the Philadelphia yard, completing the flight of 165 miles in less than two hours. Two of the aviators who failed to reach this city were compelled to descend because of motor trouble near Monmouth Junction, N. J., and one at Deans, near that place. Engine trouble caused one of the squad to abandon the flight ten miles from Hempstead.

With but few mishaps to mar the success of the flight the machines descended in the following order:

Lieutenant Coyle, of the New Hampshire National Guard, with passenger; H. W. Brickley, with C. H. Reynolds; Tex C. Milliman, with S. A. Blair; Capt. J. E. Carberry, Army signal corps; Lieut. James E. Miller; Lieut G. Osborne; Leonard Barner, with Instructor Allen; Lieut. E. W. Bagnal, with Sergeant E. A. Kruss.

Lieutenant Tobort Corolin with Lieutenant Wheaton as a passenger, crashed into a fence at Deans, N. J., after motor trouble forced them to descend. Both planes of the machine were smashed but the men escaped injury. The machine will be hauled to Hempstead on a motor truck tomorrow.

Sergeant E. W. Noyes, with a passenger named Meredith, descended on the outskirts of Monmouth Junction

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OFFICIALS STILL HOPE THAT PEACE MAY BE EFFECTED

Apparently Believe Means May Yet be Found for Exchanges Between Belligerents.

IS NO OFFICIAL COMMENT

President and Administration Remain Silent on Entente Reply to Central Powers.

Washington, Dec. 30.—There were no official expressions here of the views of President Wilson and the administration on the Entente reply to the German peace proposals, for the dual reason that the United States is acting only as an intermediary between the belligerents and because of a policy of silence that has been adopted during this stage of peace negotiations.

The unofficial opinion, which probably was a reflection of the official hope for progress toward peace, was that some means for a further exchange between the warring powers would be found and that, even if the present negotiations fail, a basis had been laid which it was hoped would make for

Note Created No Surprise.

First informal comment by one official who had had a chance to study carefully and official forecast and who checked against it the full press text was that the Allies had responded very much as expected that they played their strongest cards for moral support among their own people and in neutral countries, and that while they had made it hard for Germany to reply without decidedly changing her tone, they had still left the door open for another advance.

Official Washington, however, was deeply perplexed as to the future and admitted that it probably depended on the internal conditions and the confidence of the two warring groups and secondly on how far President Wilson would decide to push his own peace efforts. On the whole, first comment indicated that hopes of an early peace may have diminished but had not disappeared.

Statement by Bernstorff.

After reading the unofficial text of the note Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, authorized the following statement:

"President Wilson having suggested the finding of a method of stating terms, I do not think that this note will be answered by my government until the Entente Allies have replied to the President's suggestion; stating, if they so desire, the modus they propose."

The German embassy was outwardly not favorably impressed with the tenor of the Entente note. However, the declaration that "a mere suggestion without a statement of terms that negotiations should be opened is not an offer of peace," was taken to contain a veiled invitation to give terms.

Await Reply to President's Note.

The next steps by the American government will not be determined until the Entente reply to President Wilson's note is received. It is expected within a few days. While it is expected to follow in a general way the tone of the note received today, officials believe it will make clear whether any good will be accomplished by further efforts at present on the part of the President.

The Entente reply was not read by the President tonight. Through official dispatches from abroad he knew of its general tenor, but did not tell even his closest advisers what he thought of it.

German embassy officials pointed out that since the first peace offer was made by the Central Powers and it was indicated that the Entente demanded terms as a preliminary to considering it, the Central Powers have informed President Wilson that they desire to give their terms at a conference. The embassy considers that it

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Governor's Oath Is Taken By Two

DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE IN ARIZONA TO OPPOSE ACCESSION OF REPUBLICAN CLAIMANT.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 30.—The gubernatorial contest in Arizona became more complicated today when both Governor George W. P. Hunt, Democrat, and Tom Campbell, Republican, claimant of the office through the recent election, took the oath of office. A recount of the ballots which gave Campbell a slight lead is incomplete.

Governor Hunt today for the first time definitely announced that he would oppose the accession of Mr. Campbell. The governor tested the locks of all doors leading to his office this afternoon.

Friends of Mr. Campbell are proceeding with preparations for the inauguration on Monday and declare that they will secure a warrant for the arrest of the governor under a paragraph of the Penal Code which makes it a misdemeanor for one "who, having been an executive officer, wilfully exercises any of the functions of his office after his term has expired and successor has been elected."

GROWING CONCERN IS EVIDENT OVER MEXICAN PROBLEM

Carranza Government Increasingly Menaced by Insurgents; Situation Uncertain.

OFFICIALS ARE IMPATIENT

Some High Army Men Urging Withdrawal of Pershing's Troops as Military Step.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Increasing evidence that General Carranza's government is menaced by bands of insurgents coupled with the prospect that the first chief will not accept the Atlantic City protocol unless the conditions it attaches to withdrawal of the American troops are eliminated, has brought the Mexican situation to a stage of uncertainty that is causing growing concern here.

While officials admit that the conditions they confront are embarrassing, and some high army officers are urging that Pershing's men be withdrawn as a military step and regardless of conditions, it is insisted that so far there has been no change in the administration policy. The American members of the joint commission which drew the Atlantic City protocol will meet here Tuesday to go over General Carranza's request for modification and to consider whether any basis is offered for further conferences with the Mexican commissioners.

Charles A. Douglas, an attorney for the Carranza government, saw Counsellor Polk of the State Department today and is understood to have made a further plea for withdrawal of the troops.

Army Officers Impatient.

Several army officers of high rank are no longer attempting to conceal their impatience over the joint commission's failure to secure ratification of an agreement and openly are urging that the altered conditions in Mexico make it imperative to bring the 12,000 men now in Mexico to positions on the border where they could be handled to better advantage if it became necessary.

Reports to the State and War departments today supported unofficial advices indicating that Villa is rapidly gaining strength in Northern Mexico that makes his suppression by the Carranza army appear doubtful. At the same time followers of Felix Diaz are said to be making trouble in the south, while Manuel Palaez and other rebel leaders are gaining ground in the central portions of the republic.

The official advices indicated that the Carranza forces in Saltillo two days ago were anticipating an attack by Villa forces. The governor of the state had directed that the government archives be prepared for removal and many prominent civilians and officials had sent their families to the border. Successes of the Villa forces about Torreon were confirmed by the advices.

Revolutionary Army Planned.

Villa's operations in the past few

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RUSSIANS IN RETREAT ARE CLOSELY PURSUED

Are Being Pushed Toward the Sereth in East Wallachia.

Military Critic of the Overseas News Agency Writes Concerning the Battle in the Region of Rimnik-Sarat.

Berlin, Dec. 30 (via Sayville)—"The Russians, defeated in Eastern Wallachia, are being pushed toward the Sereth by their pursuers, who are pressing on closely at their rear," writes the military critic of the Overseas News Agency.

"In vain did the Russians attempt to hold the strong prepared position east of Rimnik-Sarat and between Rimnik and Bureu river. The country was fitted excellently for defense, being covered with swamps, winding rivulets, ponds and extensive lakes. But again they were defeated and everywhere the battlefield was covered with heaps of dead Russians.

"Rimnik-Sarat, in spite of a tenacious defense, was taken with such speed that the Russians succeeded only in destroying one bridge south of the town, while the most important bridges across the Rimnik fell undamaged into the hands of the conquerors. The railroad station was defended stubbornly and to the last by the Russians. The last trains to depart, which were crowded with fleeing Russians, were hit by shells from the Austro-German batteries.

"The rapidly advancing troops of the Central Powers also extended their successes to the west of Rimnik-Sarat and occupied 25 kilometers of the length of the Rimnik valley. The village of Dumitresti, which is the crossing point of three mountain roads, has been reached.

"In the Dobrudja the Russians are

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HEAVY BLOWS OF THE TEUTONS IN RUMANIA CONTINUE UNABATED

CONTRACTS GO TO PRIVATE BIDDERS

Awards for the Four Battle Cruisers Will Probably be Made Early in January.

NO SPECIFIC COST FIGURES

Vessels Will be Constructed on the Cost and Percentage Basis—Difficulty In Placing Contracts for Scout Cruisers.

Washington, Dec. 30.—All four of the battle cruisers, bids for which recently were opened by the Navy Department, will be built in private yards, it was learned today. The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass., and the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, are certain to get one ship each and the fourth probably will be awarded to William Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia. Present indications are that awards will be made early next month.

Officials of the three first named shipbuilding companies virtually have reached an agreement with the Navy Department on a form of contract to govern the building of these vessels on a cost and percentage basis. As none of the companies submitted specific cost figures, all four of the cruisers authorized at the last session of Congress probably will be built at actual cost plus a specified percentage. Secretary Daniels has determined to equip the Philadelphia Navy yard for battle cruiser construction but that will take more than a year.

The department is facing a perplexing problem in getting the four 35-knot scout cruisers authorized under construction. A contract for one has been awarded to a Seattle company and bids on the other three have been re-advertised, but Navy officials have no assurances that they will bring any proposals within the cost limit set by Congress.

RESERVE BANKS PROSPER

Great Increases in Cash, Investments and Deposits are Shown.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Great increases in cash holdings, investments and deposits in Federal Reserve banks in the last twelve months are disclosed in a summary of the year's operations, made public tonight by the Reserve Board. Cash reserves increased $112,763,000 and combined gold reserves increased $108,750,000. Total earning assets increased 166 per cent. from $83,000,000 to $222,000,000, the large gain being due chiefly to the growth of acceptance business during the year. Net bank deposits rose from $400,000,000 to $668,000,000, an increase of 68 per cent. Government deposits increased from $15,000,000 to about $28,000,000.

MAJORITY OPPOSED TO THE EDISON BATTERY

Reports of Naval Board on E-2 Disaster Sent to Congress.

Show Wide Divergence of Views of Various Members—Captain Burd Says He Believes Edison Battery Most Efficient.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The majority and minority reports of the Naval Board appointed to investigate the question of storage batteries for submarine boats after the disaster to the E-2 at New York, forwarded to Congress by Secretary Daniels, show a wide divergence of opinion regarding the efficiency of the Edison battery with which the E-2 was equipped.

Lieuts. C. M. Nimitz, E. D. MsWhorter and Cecil Y. Johnson joined ina minority recommendation "that no Edison battery be installe din any of our submarines until further tests have shown that their disadvantages have been overcome."

Capt. George E. Burd, senior member of the board, and industrial manager of the New York yard, filed a dissenting report saying, "I believe that of the three types of batery, tested by the board, the Edison battery is the best adapted for use in submarines."

A full explanation of the reasons behind ach report is included in the correspondence sent to Congress. In every respect noted, except in generations of chlorine gas, the majority report finds the advantage to be with lead-type cells as opposed to the Edison type. Both produce hydrogen gas, but while the majority of the board found that the Edison battery produced hydrogen in "excessive" quantities, Captain Burd believes this difficulty can be met by intelligent handling and that the distribution of chlorine gas

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Advances Are Recorded All Along the Wide Front From the Danube to the Putna.

ANOTHER TOWN CAPTURED

German Armies Delivering Heaviest Attacks Along Railroad North of Rimnik-Sarat.

RUSSIANS PRESSED BACK

French Are Repulsed by the Germans on Dead Man Hill.

The Teutonic armies in Rumania and along the Moldavian frontier continue to drive forward in the face of stubborn Rumanian resistance. The campaign covers not only the 120-mile front from the Danube river to Oituz Pass in the Carpathians, but extends further northward along the Moldavian frontier to the valley of the Putna river.

Bordestchi is Captured.

The heaviest blows of the German armies are being delivered along the railroad line running northward from Rimnik-Sarat to Fokshani and they have forced the lines of the defenders backward on the front from the Danube to the Carpathians. The invaders have captured Bordestchi, on the Rimnik river, and forced the Russians to retreat near Zaletsi, northeast of Rimnik-Sarat.

The Teutonic line, in the battle now in progress, runs northward of Rimnik-Sarat through Slobozia, midway between that town and Plainechti. In attacks along the Transylvania frontier, Teutonic troops have driven ahead in the face of strong counter attacks and captured 650 men and seven machine guns. They also have occupied several heights and pressed back the Russian troops north and south of the valley of the Oituz river.

Except for a French attack on the new German line on Dead Man Hill, near Verdun, which was repulsed, there is little activity along the front in France.

Minor engagements only are reported from the Russian front in Galicia and from Macedonia.

BRITISH STEAMER AISLABY TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE

Paris, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Aislaby, 2,692 tons, has been torpedoed by a submarine, says a Havas News Agency announcement today. Twenty-two members of the crew have been landed. They declare, says the agency announcement, that their captain was made prisoner.

GERMAN U-BOATS SANK 138 HOSTILE SHIPS IN NOVEMBER

Berlin, Dec. 30 (via Sayville)—"During November," says an admiralty statement issued today, "138 hostile merchant ships of a total of 314,500 gross tons were lost through the war measures of the Central Powers. Of this tonnage 244,500 tons was British. In addition, 53 neutral ships, of 94,000 tons gross, were sunk for carrying contraband to enemies. The month's total is thus 408,500 tons.

"Since the beginning of the war, through the war measures of the Central Powers, 3,636,500 hostile tonnage has been lost, of which 2,794,500 was British."

NORWEGIAN SHIP PUTS INTO PORT WITH GERMAN PRIZE CREW

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Norwegian steamship Thyra, 3,742 tons gross, is reported in a Havas dispatch from Crunna, Spain, to have put into that port yesterday with a German prize crew of five men on board. In addition to the Thyra's crew of 14, there were on the vessel seven members of the crew of a British steamship which had been torpedoed. According to the dispatch the Germans declared they were going to torpedo the Thyra.

RUSSIAN SHIP AND VALUABLE CARGO TAKEN TO GERMAN PORT

Berlin, Dec. 30, (via Sayville).—The Russian steamer Suchan captured by a German submarine recently in the Arctic ocean east of Cape North, the northernmost point of Europe, while bound from the United States to Archangel with a valuable cargo of war material, has been brought into a German port, says an official announcement made today. The steamer was formerly the Hamburg-American liner Spezia and had been confiscated by the Russians. The official statement says:

"A German submarine a short time ago in the Northern Arctic ocean east of Cape North, captured the steamer Suchan, of the Russian volunteer fleet, filled with war material and bound for Archangel from the United States. The officers of the Russian ship having been taken on board the submarine as prisoners and a German naval officer, with a non-commissioned staff, having taken command of the steamer, she was brought to a German port accompanied by the submarine.

"There it was discovered that the steamer was the Spezia which had belonged to the Hamburg-American Line and had been confiscated at the begin-

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65 CONVICTS RETURNED TWO BETRAYED "TRUST"

Superintendent of State Prison Reports to Governor.

Only One County Has Reported on Christmas Parole—Rewards for "Escaped" Men—Kinston Bank Among New Corporations.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—Governor Craig this evening signed the death warrant of Frank Foster, Friday, February 16, being the day set for the electrocution. He murdered John Hayes on Christmas Day, 1915, in Polk county.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—Superintendent J. S. Mann, of the State's Prison, reports to the Governor that, in compliance with his Christmas orders, 67 "trusty" convicts were released for the three days leave of absence to go to their homes and that all except two returned promptly with good behavior to their credit. The two that disappeared are Wallace Bradley, of Swain county, serving 16 years for murder, and Littleton Bergert, of Warren county serving 15 years for murder.

These men are to be treated as escaped convicts and the usual rewards are offered for their arrest.

The only other report received by the Governor as to the release of convicts on parole is from the sheriff of Cabarrus county, who reports having released four trusties, all of whom returned on time.

Governor Craig issued a requisition today on the governor of Virginia for A. E. Rumph, alias Augustus Eden, who is wanted in Buncombe county to answer the charge of issuing a worthless check for $50 to R. L. Ellis. He is under arrest in Richmond.

The Caswell Bank and Trust Co., of Kinston, was chartered today with $50,000 capital authorized and $25,000 subscribed for general commercial and savings banking business. The incorporators are: W. F. LaRoque, C. R. Dodson, F. C. Dunn, H. C. Hines, W. D. Hood, F. J. Sutton and others.

There is an amendment granted by the State for the charter of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of Henderson, for the increase of the capital from $50,000 to $150,000. F. J. Gill is the president of the bank.

The Morgan Lumber Co., of Cherryville, was chartered today with $25,000 authorized and $12,000 subscribed by J. H. Rudisill, J. L. Maurey and others for lumber, milling and mercantile business.

The Camp of Patriotic Order of Sons of America, (Inc.), with home office in Salisbury, was chartered today without capital stock. The incorporators include J. C. Kesleh, M. F. Holder and others, for fraternal purposes.

The annual inspection of the three divisions of Naval Reserves in this State is to be made early in the new year. The Elizabeth City company will be inspected January 5; the Washington company January 8 and the New Bern division January 10. The inspection on the part of the Federal authorities will be by Ensign F. G. Blasdill and for the State by Col. Thomas Stringfield.

MAY RESTORE TARIFF ON WOOL, RUBBER AND COFFEE

Increase in Duty on Sugar Also Under Consideration.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The advisability of restoring tariff duties on wool, rubber and coffee, and of increasing the present tariff on sugar is under consideration by Treasury Department officials and in Congress as a means of averting the threatened deficit at the end of the next fiscal year.

The plan to increase revenues, which Secretary McAdoo is formulating with the President's approval, probably will be submitted to leaders in Congress a few days after the holiday recess. Indications are that it will contain recommendations that wool, rubber and coffee be taken from the free list and placed under low tariffs, but it is more uncertain what recommendation will be made with regard to sugar.

OFFICIALS STILL HOPE THAT PEACE MAY BE EFFECTED

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now is for the Entente, replying to the President's note, to say whether they want the terms which they consider essential to an offer for peace conveyed to them, and if so, in what manner.

Will Soon Forward Note.

The official text of the note which reached the State Department late today will be forwarded to the American diplomats in those countries where this government represents the Entente Allies just as soon as Secretary Lansing knows that the official text is complete and exact, probably tomorrow.

No American comment is expected to be attached to the note, and President Wilson is expected to very scrupulously remain aloof from the Entente replies in order not to prejudice the independent position of this government in the negotiations.

The official text will not be made public by the State Department, nor will any indication be given as to whether it agrees with the press text. The State Department feels it is the mere messenger of the various belligerents whose interests it represents in the hostile countries and regards negotiations as sacredly confidential.

It is regarded here as very probable that the note will be answered by the Central Powers, if only to contest some of its statements. German officials regarded as unfortunate for the peace movement that the Entente had discussed the past at such length. They feel if peace is to be had, the future, more than the past, will have to be considered.

HEAVY BLOWS OF THE TEUTONS IN RUMANIA CONTINUE UNABATED

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ning of the war at Vladivostok by the Russians. The cargo was worth many millions of marks."

DAMROSCH NAMED TO 'ELECTRIFY' PEOPLE?

By This Means "You Can Sell" Stock "Without Any Trouble."

So Reads Letter Purporting to Have Been Written by R. O. Alexander to F. S. Westbrook About "Booming" Festival.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 30.—"In order to electrify the people, you must have a representative of Mr. Walter Damrosch with you," was the injunction of R. O. Alexander, a cotton dealer of Charlotte, according to a letter purporting to have been written by him to Frank S. Westbrook and exhibited by the latter here today, concerning methods of "booming" the $500,000 National Music Festival of America.

"By this means in thirty to sixty days," the letter continues, "you can sell $25,000 worth of stock without any trouble." The letter was produced today as evidence to offset the denial of Tuesday by R. O. Alexander that he had anything to do with the enterprise. It will be presented as testimony in court.

Another letter written on March 30, 1916, contained this paragraph:

"The money is the thing we need now. Music clusters are all right and are good, but the cash is more important now than music clusters."

"Exhibit A" in the sensational suit contains a letter from President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, in which he declined the presidency of the National Music Festival of America, but pledged co-operation. He said in part:

"Let me add that you may count on my co-operation and interest. If the plan shall be so financed as to give reasonable confidence that the construction of the auditorium is assured on a basis which is within the limits of a reasonable expectation that ultimately it may be paid for out of profits and my business judgment shall be satisfied of this on detail, I will recommend to the board of directors that that company subscribe reasonably to the stock of the corporation which is to build and own the audtiorium."

GROWING CONCERN IS EVIDENT OVER MEXICAN PROBLEM

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weeks have convinced army men here that he and other leaders of the reactionary movement are following a plan of campaign having for its immediate object the recruiting of an rmy and the collection of equipment rather than the occupation of territory. It is pointed out that Villa has entered towns of importance in Northern Mexico eight times since he resumed operations on a larger scale, only to surrender them again without a struggle. The net result has been to add to his fighting strength materially.

Unofficial reports today that the bandit leader was on his way to Chihuahua again caused no surprise here since it is known that General Murguia's force there is not well supplied with ammunition and many stories of disaffection in his army have reached government agents on the border. It is expected that Villa will make every effort to dispose of the Murguia force before the arrival of General Obregon, reported on his way to Chihuahua to take command.

In a considerable area near Tuxpam, Manuel Palaez, who has been in control there for almost two years, has recently extended his operations toward the south without opposition. Moving northward, apparently with the intention of joining him, is Jose Isabel Robles, with a force estimated at from 1,000 to 5,000. If a juncture is affected, it would make possible the isolation of the Carranza capital from both Tampico and Vera Cruz. In cooperation with them the Cedillo brothers appear to be operating along the railroad connecting San Luis Potosi and Tampico.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION URGED BY PRESIDENT

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that the railroad employes would await the deliberate judgment of Congress regarding legislation on the subject.

"Railroad men are men of intelligence," said the Senator, "and I realize that labor disputes should be settled by some fair tribunal and that punishment for differences between employer and employe enould not be visited upon the public."

ENTENTE REFUSES TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

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ble desires of the American government which are worthy all peoples, is disposed to associate itself with every negotiation which has for its object the facilitating of the humanitarian work of ending the present war.

"Spain, however, will suspend all action until the time when her efforts and work in favor of peace can be more useful and efficacious than at the present time. Until then the Spanish government believes that it would be opportune to declare with regard to an Entente of the neutral powers for the defense of their interests, that it is disposed now, as it was at the beginning of the war, to commence negotiations which might lead to an accord capable of uniting the belligerent powers."

NOTES FROM SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES MADE PUBLIC.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The French foreign office tonight made public the identic notes delivered by the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ministers, supporting the initiative toward peace taken by President Wilson. The notes express sympathy of the Scandinavian countries for all efforts toward the ending of the war and assert the hope that the President will obtain a result worthy of the spirit which inspired his note to the belligerents. The identic note follows:

"It is with the greatest interest that the government of the king learned of the propositions made by the President of the United States in order to facilitate measures tending to the establishment of a durable peace. While remaining desirous of avoiding all interference which might hurt legitimate susceptibilities, the government of the king thinks he would be wanting in duty toward his people and toward all humanity if he did not express the most profound sympathy for all efforts which could contribute to putting an end to the progressive accumulation of sufferings and moral and material losses; it cherishes, therefore, the hope that the initiative of President Wilson will secure a result worthy of the lofty spirit which inspired it."

100 ROBESON COUNTY DEMOCRATS BANQUET

Party Workers Hold Enthusiastic Get Together Meeting.

Representatives of Every Part of "The State of Robeson" Respond to Toasts Proposed by Committeeman A. W. McLean.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 30.—One hundred Democrats, representing nearly every section of Robeson county, met here last night in a banquet at Lorraine hotel. Since the old county conventions have been superseded by the primary it is seldom that the party workers and Democrats from all sections of the county get together and renew acquaintances.

Candidates can always be seen at primary election times, but the voters and party workers seldom if ever have an opportunity to get together and exchange ideas and talk over measures and policies and tell how it was done in Wisharts and the other 22 townships. The State of Robeson covers considerable territory and it is a long ways from one side to the other and the Democrats of the county realize that in "unity there is strength", and that it is entirely necessary always to know the needs and wants of every section and conserve at all times a community of interests. So, with these ideas in mind and a desire to rejoice over the recent great Democratic victories in Nation, State and county, these Democrats by an almost common impulse came to Lumberton and held a banquet and paid for it themselves, each man his dollar.

This banquet was a success, a good time and a fitting way to end the good year 1916. National Committeeman A. W. McLean was toastmaster, Captain J. P. Russell in a graceful word of prayer invoked the divine blessing upon the assemblage; Mayor A. E. White welcomed the visitors on behalf of the town; Capt. W. A. Smith, of Burnt Swamp township, responded to the welcoming address. Many and happy toasts were proposed in happy style by Mr. McLean and responded to by representatives from different townships.

Among those responding to toasts were Hons. S. McIntyre, Frank Gough, J. M. Butler, R. D. Caldwell, County Chairman McNeill; Capt. Marcus Smith, Ed T. Taylor, D. H. Britt, C. T. Harrington, H. E. Stacy and others, and the banquet was closed with a rousing and enthusiastic speech on Woodrow Wilson and National Democracy by Hon. Geo. B. McLeod.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE SUPPLEMENTED BY ANOTHER

Washington, Dec. 30.—The reference in the Spanish note to another communication supulementing President Wilson's peace note is the first public intimation that any efforts have been made by the United States to seek the support of other neutrals in moving for peace.

In line with their announced policy of silence during the pdesent stage of the negotiations, officials declined to indicate tonight whether the second communication was in the form of a supplemental note or only an informal suggestion made to the Spanish foreign office by Ambassador Willard on his own initiative. Neither was it revealed whether similar representations had been made to all neutrals.

Spain's reference to the supplemental communication recalled the statement in Berlin press dispatches during the day that a second note had been presented also to Germany. This report also the State Department declined to affirm or deny, officials declaring that whatever steps have been taken or may be taken in the future must be guarded from publicity because of their delicate nature.

Paris, Dec. 30.—It is expected some days will elapse before the Entente powers will make public their reply to the suggestions of President Wilson in favor of the re-establishment of peace.

PROPOSAL OF TEUTONIC ALLIES TERMED "SHAM"

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ples, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere.

"Once again the Allies declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties, the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states; so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end once and for all forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations and to afford the only effective guarantee for the future security of the world.

The Guarantees to Belgium.

"In conclusion the allied powers think it necessary to put forward the following considerations which show the special situation of Belgium after two and a half years of war. In virtue of the international treaties signed by five great European powers, of whom Germany was one, Belgium enjoyed before the war a special status, rendering her territory inviolable and placing her under the guarantee of the powers, outside all European conflicts. She was, however, in spite of these treaties, the first to suffer the aggression of Germany. For this reason the Belgian government think it necessary to define the aims which Belgium has never ceased to pursue while fighting side by side with the Entente Powers for right and justice.

"Belgium has always scrupulously fulfilled the duties which her neutrality imposed upon her. She has taken up arms to defend her independence and her neutrality violated by Germany and to show that she remains faithful to her international obligations.

Countries' Resources Exhausted.

"On the fourth of August, 1914, in the Reichstag the German chancellor admitted that this aggression constituted an injustice contrary to the laws of nations and pledged himself in the name of Germany to repair it. During two and a half years this injustice has been cruelly aggravated by the proceedings of the occupying forces which have exhausted the resources of the country, ruined its industries, devastated its towns and villages and have been responsible for innumerable massacres, executions and imprisonments.

"At this very moment, while Germany is proclaiming peace and humanity to the world, she is deporting Belgian citizens by thousands and reducing them to slavery.

"Belgium before the war asked for nothing but to live in harmony with her neighbors. Her king and her government have but one aim—the re-establishment of peace and justice. But they only desire peace which would assure to their country legitimate reparation, guarantees and safeguards for the future."

RUSSIANS IN RETREAT ARE CLOSELY PURSUED

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making desperate efforts to protect the Matchin bridgehead and the Danube swamps toward Galatz. However, they were driven again back by the brave Bulgarian and Turkish troops.

"On December 25 the Russian Emperor issued an order attempting to belittle the successes of the Central Powers, declaring that the Rumanians had had no modern war experience. In the battles in Eastern Wallachia and in Dobrudja, however, not the Rumanians, but the war-experienced Russian army corps were defeated."

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THE SOUTH AND THE RAILROAD PROBLEM

Striking Views of S. Davies Warfield, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, Upon the Prosperity, Requirements and Regulation of Transportation Lines.

(Reprinted from the Annual Financial Edition of the New York Evening Post of Dec. 30th, 1916.)

"In response to your request that I give you my views as to the railroad situation, I call your attention to the fact that there are so many controlling factors as yet unsolved, that one should be slow to make predictions in times like the present.

"The outstanding feature of the railroad situation is the new era of public confidence in the integrity of railroad management which is fast creating a sentiment that will do more to solve the problems of the carriers than any other influence. In the final analysis in his country it is the mass of public opinion that settles questions of so sweeping a bearing upon the prosperity of the Nation as those involved in determining what is the fair thing to the railroads. I am optimistic in my faith that the public is rapidly understanding the economic conditions confronting the railroads and that it can be relied upon to enforce a common sense solution of all problems connected therewith. I base this opinion upon a personal knowledge of the views of people in the various walks of life. It remains for the proper public authorities on the one hand and the representatives of railroad management and labor organizations on the other to crystallize a programme, which the public can receive with confidence as being uniformly just, not only to those who labor in the service of the carriers but to those who purchase that service, the public at large, and to the investors who furnish the capital to make that service possible.'

"Holding such views the unfavorable points in the railroad outlook to my mind are by no means insurmountable. They do, however, give any one, no matter what his interest may be, whether from the standpoint of the employe, the employer, the investor or the user of railroad transportation, much concern. There is the unsettled condition of regulation and the determination of where it should begin and where it should end. There is a question whether there is not need for clothing the Interstate Commerce Commission with authority to make a rate structure that will, in interstate commerce, universally apply; yet on the other hand there is the question as to whether the Interstate Commerce Commission—a Federal body—should have the power or whether the State should have the power to determine whether a railroad shall or shall not build a certain piece of track within its borders and whether this or that class of securities should be issued for its payment and the conditions under which such securities may be issued. There is a grave question whether a State should not be permitted, if it desires so to do, to say what extensions of railroad tracks and service for the development of territory within its borders may be necessary, which almost necessarily involves the right to supervise issues of securities by railroads required to bring about such result. On the other hand, if it is the purpose of the legislative bodies at Washington to increase the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission in order that the commission may deal with such questions, the plan of dividing such commissioners into regional bodies somewhat along the lines of the Regional banks of the Federal Reserve System should be adopted, or a plan under which regional bodies subservient to the Interstate Commerce Commission should be distributed throughout the country, so that such regional bodies would be in close touch with the communities of the territory traversed or to be traversed by a railroad, or any proposed extension thereof, and to represent these communities. Any plan to throw upon the Interstate Commerce Commission, as at present constituted, the requirement to control the building of additional mileage and the issue of securities necessary for such construction, with all the detail information required for the determination of such questions, will unquestionably result in, retarding the full development of territory which otherwise may be developed, and even should the Commission be enlarged as proposed, there is still the question above discussed whether the State is not the most effective instrument for the determination of questions affecting the development of its own territory. My own opinion is that whatever body is to regulate the construction of railroad mileage and the issue of securities to pay for such construction, it should be of a supervisory character with the veto power but not the power to control the initiative; this was in substance the report of the very able commission headed by President Hadley, of Yale University. The method of settlement of these important factors necessarily will affect the position of the carriers, both as to their ability to properly serve the public and to economically raise the money so to do, and their ability to increase their gross and net revenue which they certainly should be entitled to do if the proper service is to be furnished.

"We may look forward with firm confidence for a continued increase in gross earnings during the year 1917. This can only fail by a breakdown in the wisdom of the public authorities in what they may do towards the solution of the problems of the railroads, some of which are discussed above, and the ratio of net earnings to gross will be in proportion to whether fair or unfair treatment is received. From a domestic point of view the country is now producing enormous amounts of traffic which the railroads will have to handle in the coming year. A termination of the European war would open the export business (particularly of the South Atlantic states), and this should more than replace the proportion of purely war business now being handled by the railroads, particularly of the East and Middle West. Certainly I do not think that the end of the war will cause such a slackening of our national business life as to seriously affect the normal growth of railroad earnings, either gross or net, if as above stated the public authorities will give the railroads the consideration they deserve.

"It is true that practically every railroad in the country is at present unable to give the immediate dispatch to traffic that the public would like to have. In this I feel that the public is, however, taking a rational view of conditions and is reasonably considerate of the carriers under the abnormal conditions they are facing. The most urgent need of the railroads today is additional equipment. The public is aware of the difficulty of supplying this need, both as to the tremendous increase in cost and the inability of manufacturers to take care of the sudden pressure upon them for such equipment. I am also convinced the public recognizes the point of view of railroad managers as to the unwisdom of making large contracts for equipment at practically double the cost of what it was a year ago, when railroad managers are confronted with the unsettled and vital questions now pending and which in addition to those here discussed also include the cost of labor; and also as to what is to be the definite policy and future relations between the railroads and public authorities and the attitude of the investor in regard to all of these questions.

"We are promised a Congressional investigation of the railroad situation. By all means let us have it. Let it be done in a spirit of fairness and a determination to get at the facts, and I believe that the sterling common sense of the people or this country will make use of the results of such an investigation that will be beneficial to the carriers as well as to the public.

"I am unwilling to believe that the people of this country either want government ownership or would submit to it. I feel sure that the value of private initiative is too widely recognized by the American people to permit it being displaced in an industry so important to the development and welfare of the country as the railroads. This initiative has turned waste places into prosperous agricultural communities, it has been the main instrumentality in building towns and cities, it has given a service that is the challenge and admiration of the world for its comfort, luxury and safety; we surely will not discard the tools which have accomplished such wonders, when this great American continent is not yet one-half developed."

MEN WERE UNHURT WHEN AUTO PLUNGED DOWNWARD

"Have you a reporter here who can make truth sound like the truth?" asked W. C. Colle as he entered the city room of the Citizen shortly after midnight this morning. After receiving the desired assurances, Mr. Colle, who is manager of the Mutual Auto Company, of Greenville, S. C., and a former resident of Asheville, where he was engaged in the automobile business, told of his experiences while coming from Greenville and of an escape from death that was nothing short of miraculous.

Mr. Colle and a man picked up on the road were at a point about nineteen miles beyond Hendersonville about 8 o'clock, when the five-passenger Dodge struck a sheet of ice, skidded, swapped ends and then rolled down the mountain, turning a complete somersault. The car brought up on its side against a log, about 30 feet below the road, with the engine still going. Mr. Colle at the wheel, unhurt, his passenger thrown from the front into the tonneau, also without a scratch.

Pressley Patton, a contractor of Hendersonville, came along with several men and two small machines, and after an hour and forty minutes of work, got the Dodge back on the road. The remarkable part of the accident was that the car was in perfect condition, not a lamp broken, the engine all right and to further test it, Mr. Colle proceeded to Asheville making the run from Hendersonville in forty eight minutes. He arrived at Pack square at 11:35 o'clock and placed the car in a garage for the night.

Mr. Colle wore a derby hat on the trip, and while a bit dusty from the work of dragging the car up the hill, it was otherwise all right and bore no dents. Mr. Colle spent most of the night after the accident, registering thankfulness.—The Asheville Citizen.

IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

ACTIVE YEAR IN AMATEUR SPORTS FORECAST FOR 1917

New York, Dec. 30.—An active year in sports, under the jurisdiction of the Amateur Athletic Union, is forecast for 1917 in a statement issued here today by F. W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the organization. The statement said:

"The indoor national championships take place in New York March 17 and the best athletes in the country will compete. The outdoor national championship, all round championship and relay championships will take place at St. Louis in September and increased interest in that section of the country is looked for.

"International boxing will take place as the result of an invitation from the Scandinavian countries and it is likely that the winners of the national boxing championships to be held at Boston in March will be selected to represent this country.

"Swimming is in its infancy in this country and this accounts for the number of records broken during the past year. Judging from the demand from all parts of the country for the privilege of holding championships for men and women, an even greater onslaught on the records will take place."

E. H. BINSEN SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS HIS TENNIS TITLE.

New York, Dec. 30.—Elliot H. Binsen, of Fordham University, successfully withstood the assault upon his national junior indoor tennis singles championship today in the final match of the tournament. In straight sets he defeated Henry B. O'Boyle, of Georgetown University, whose home is in Pittston, Pa. The score was 6-1, 7-5, 6-3.

Willard Botsford and Rowland B. Haines, of Columbia University, won the doubles championship by defeating F. W. Hopkins and E. L. Hopkins, of Yale.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1917.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 30.—The 1917 football schedule of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, as announced today, follows:

September 29—Randolph-Macon College at Charlottesville.
October 6—Yale at New Haven.
October 13—Virginia Military Institute at Charlottesville.
October 20—Georgia Tech. at Atlanta, Ga.
October 27 and Nov. 30—Open.
November 10—University of Georgia at Athens, Ga.
November 17—Vanderbilt at Charlottesville.
November 29—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

CARTER AND SNARE WINNERS YESTERDAY IN PINEHURST GOLF

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 30.—Philip Carter, of New York, defeated Charles Van Keuren, of Englewood, 7 up and 6 to play, and Frederick Snare, of Havana, defeated D. G. Clayton, of Philadelphia, 1 up in 21 holes, in the first match round today of the mid-winter golf tournament here.

Other survivors of the first frame include C. H. Williams, of Philadelphia, who will play Carter Monday; Filmore Robeson, of Rochester, who will play Robert Hunter, of Noroton; W. L. Pierce, Jr., of Englewood, who will meet Snare; R. C. Shannon, second, of Brockport, and Dwight L. Armstrong, of Pittsburg.

MINISTERS WIN OUT

Defeat Dormitory Boys in Exciting Volley Ball Games.

In an exciting series of volley ball games on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor last night, the Ministers took two out of three from the Dormitory Boys. The preachers nabbed the first game by a score of 15 to 7. The line-up was as follows: Ministers, Hall, Sullivan, McRae, Huntington, Robinson, Koelling. Dormitory Boys, Strickland, Wilder, Willis, Vaught, Snyder and Fisher.

PRESIDENT WRENCHES ANKLE IN FALL ON SLIPPERY GROUND

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Wilson fell on a slippery hillside while playing golf today and wrenched his ankle. He was able to continue the game, but walked with a decided limp the rest of the day.

INFIELDER HONUS WAGNER OF PITTSBURG PIRATES, WEDS

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—John Henry (Honus) Wagner, well known Pittsburg National infielder, and Miss Bessie Smith, daughter of John G. Smith, a former county detective, were married in Carnegie tonight at the parsonage of the St. John's Lutheran church. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wagner left on a wedding trip.

WILL OPPOSE ACCEPTANCE OF A PREMATURE PEACE

Movement is Launched by Leading Churchmen of This Country.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30. — Leading churchmen of the United States, led, it is said, by church authorities of this city, have launched a movement in opposition to the acceptance of a premature peace agreement between the warring nations of Europe.

Details of the movement, according to an announcement by George Wharton Pepper, of this city, a prominent Episcopalian layman, will be made in a statement to be given out in Washington tomorrow. The movement is said to be in the nature of a counter drive against the pacifist propaganda conducted by the Church Peace Union, organized by Andrew Carnegie. The statement will be signed by churchmen of various faiths, including several bishops, it is said. The movement was first discussed at a meeting in the office of Mr. Pepper on Thursday, and was attended by Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal church, William T. Ellis and others.

"The main onject of the movement is to call attention to the fact that peace founded upon expediency would not be of permanent benefit to the world," said Bishop Berry today. "There are certain great moral principles involved in the world war, and if it were to end now they would not be definitely settled."

MANDAMUS AGAINST DUPLIN COMMISSIONERS DISMISSED

Restraining Order to be Heard at Kenansville in January.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 30.—The mandamus issued against the board of commissioners of Duplin county was dismissed yesterday at Kinston by Judge Devin, because the action was not brought before the judge as required by statute.

The mandamus was issued, citing the commissioners to show cause why they did not build the fence around the county and stock law districts. Those bringing the suit were represented by Duffy & Day, of Jacksonville, and Maj. George E. Butler, of Clinton, and the county commissioners were represented by County Attorney L. A. Beasley, of Kenansville, and R. D. Johnson, of Warsaw.

The injunction, restraining the commissioners from building the fence, has been continued to Duplin county court, and will be heard before Judge G. W. Connor, at Kenansville, on January 8th.

IS HISTORY TO REPEAT ITSELF?

Parallel Between Germany's Peace Proffer and That of Sparta to Athens.

(From the Springfield Republican.)

When Asquith gave place to Lloyd-George, the parallel which must have leaped to the mind of every reader of history was Pericles and Cleon. The wise and prudent Pericles fell from power after the reverses of Athens in the great war with Sparta, outliving its onset two and a half years, and was succeeded by the demagog Cleon, "in all respects the most violent man in the state." When Sparta suffered a check and despaired of victory, it sent envoys to Athens to sue for peace. They offered honorable terms, urging that it was desirable for both parties to end the war at the present moment before anything "inexpiable" had happened. They asked that commissioners be sent to talk the matter over quietly and attempt to reach a conclusion. But while Athens hesitated, Cleon declared that "he knew from the first that they had no right intentions, and now it was clear enough; they were ashamed to tell the terms to the people, preferring to confer in secret; if they had anything honest to say, let them say it out before all."

The Spartans gave up their efforts for peace and departed, saying that whatever concessions they might be prepared to make, it was impossible to speak of them before the multitude and lose credit with their allies if the negotiations miscarried. "Thus when victory came to her," says a historian, "Athens coldly averted her eyes," and the chance never recurred; the end was the ruin of Athens and of all Greece. If Germany, following up its first overtures, should make a clear and reasonable offer of peace, the Allies will incur a great responsibility if they reject it.

AMERICANS ARE ABOUT 60 PER CENT. HONEST

(New York Tribune).

Everyone doubtless has his own opinion, based upon his personal experience or theory of life, as to the proportion of honest men to rogues among mankind in general. Mr. Cleveland Moffett has tried to attain the semblance at least of impersonal scientific accuracy by conducting an investigation of the average honesty of human nature, the results of which he published in McClure's Magazine. Mr. Moffett's disclosures would at first sight appear to be rather discouraging. It seems that 100 representative persons were selected, to each of whom a one-dollar bill was sent inclosed in a letter apparently misdirected. Sixty-three returned the money. Thirty-seven obviously considered the dollar a gift from Santa Claus.

But does such a test really prove that humanity is only about 60 per cent. honest? Does it not rather show that honesty is like greatness—some are born honest, some achieve it, some have honesty thrust upon them? In other words, some men are honest by nature, some as a matter of principle and some only from policy. May not the idea in the title of Mr. Moffett's articles, "Is Honesty the Best Policy?" itself explain the failure of some of the 37 to return the money. People who are generally honest, but from policy rather than from any deeper conviction, might easily persuade themselves that a few minor exceptions to the general policy do not count—especially if there seems to be small likelihood of getting caught.

SOME VICTIMS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

A group of blind and maimed. Photograph that the French found of Lourdes where sufferers from all parts of France come seeking divine aid at the shrine at that town.

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JOINT NEW YEAR'S PROGRAM

Elaborate Exercises Will Mark Open House of Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. on January 1—Special Music.

An attractive programme has been arranged for the joint New Year's reception and exercises to be held by the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock tomorrow night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The programme will include piano selections by Miss Agnes Chasten, a reading by Mr. K. B. Knudsen, representing the Speaker's Club, vocal selections by Mrs. Longfellow, and other features.

The directors and trustees of both associations and their wives and husbands with constitute the reception committee, who will receive the guests as they arrive.

A special orchestra of four pieces will play throughout the evening in the lobby of the association building. Both the lobby and all the main rooms have been appropriately decorated for the occasion by the Social Committee of the Y. W. C. A., of which Mrs. C. W. Pridgen is chairman.

The gymnasium exhibition will include dances by the Girls' Gym classes, apparatus work by the Senior Gym class of the Y. M. C. A., a drill by the Y. W. C. A. girls, and will be concluded by a volley ball game between teams representing the two associations.

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Mr. N. M. McEachern definitely retired from the grain and feed business yesterday, when his old and long-established concern on Market street was purchased by Messrs. Paul B. Bell, W. P. McGlaughon and I. W. Cooper. The price paid for the business and its good will was not made public. The concern will be operated under the old firm name of Jno. S. McEachern & Sons. As announced some time ago, Mr. McEachern and family plan to move to his farm which he recently purchased near Blackstone, Va.

Messrs. Bell and McGlaughon will be the active managers of the business, the former having resigned several weeks ago as manager of Bradstreet's local agency. He has been succeeded by Mr. J. C. Rice, formerly of the Norfolk office of Bradstreet's. Mr. Cooper will continue to devote his time to the management of his brokerage business. The new owners will take charge of the business tomorrow, and announcement will be made later of the officers of the company when an organization is effected.

Mr. Alexander to Speak.

Rev. M. O. Alexander, a chaplain of the United States Navy, and former house secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Wilmington, will address the Boys' League of the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

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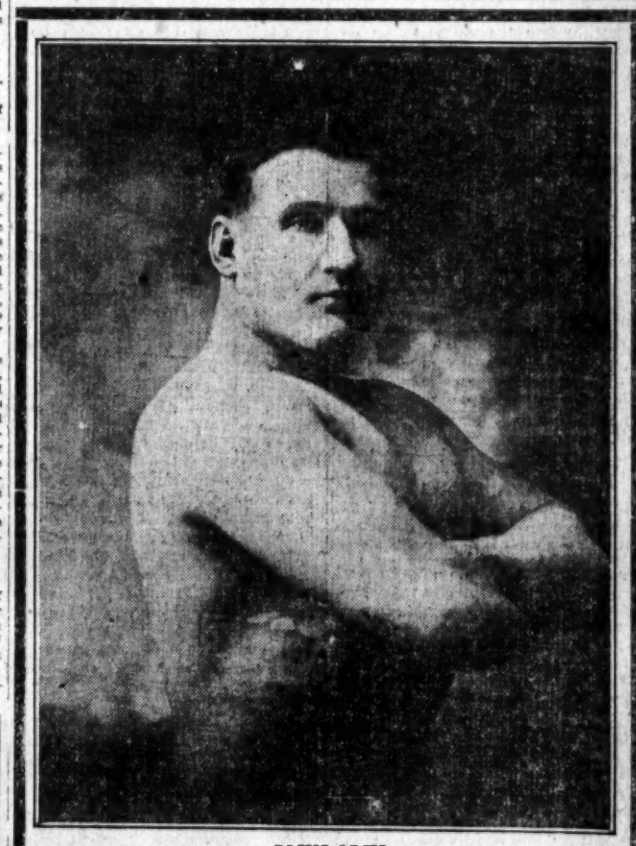

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1916.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

What is vital? What is essential? What may we profitably let go? Each of us must answer that question for himself. I find only one answer that satisfies me. It is this: We may let go all things which we cannot carry into the eternal life.
—ANNA ROBERTSON BROWN.

Blessed are the peace-makers.

When in doubt, stop, look and listen.

There ought to be a way to make old man Tom Lawson prove it in court.

Don't carry those same old cans that have been tied to you during the past year.

Leap year is on its last legs. It will be all over when the bells ring tonight at the witching hour of 12.

The American disease is a state of mind that is affected by chronic calamity howling. Fortitude is a rare virtue.

Europe's war also has swamped Japan in gold. Europe is impoverishing herself and enriching America and Asia.

The receding year will finish up its receding at 12 o'clock tonight, when the bells will ring out the old and ring in the new.

The South is the one part of the country where the prospect pleases. Peace means greater prosperity and development down on the South Atlantic.

A contemporary asks: "Why do boys leave the farms and go to the cities?" We have an idea it's because the cities won't leave and go to the farms to get with the boys.

Farewell, old 1916. We will always remember you. We cannot forget you, for history will perpetuate your fame. The year which closes today has been one of the most historic in the annals of the world.

Men make speeches all over the United States and charge for what they say, but the most valuable of them can't tell how to reduce the cost of living of some of us without increasing it for others.

It is said that horses in Washington were given a Christmas tree. Even if some of us were not given a Christmas tree, we have the satisfaction of not being somebody's darn old horse.

A famous Democrat is abused for saying that "to the victors belong the spoils." As a matter of fact, none of the victors were ever known to let the vanquished take the spoils.

Poor old Carranza is between two fires. If he accedes to the stipulations of the United States, more revolution will be started against him in Mexico. If he does not do so, Uncle Sam is liable to start something quite as bad as a revolution. We are glad we are not Carranza.

Has the South lost its big initiative? If not, now is the time to undertake great things so they can be financed while there is more money in this country than anywhere else in the habitable globe. If we don't soon get some of it to finance Southern development, Europe will get it.

Those who are showing a disposition to become impatient and lose confidence in the peace movement that has been inaugurated, because of its apparently slow pace, should remember that an 80-car freight train going at full speed cannot be stopped as quickly as a motorcycle, nor can a conflagration be snuffed out like a candle.

Perhaps the newspapers which are facing suspension on account of increased expenses could weather the storm of they were to quit publishing free advertising and charge for everything in the nature of a public announcement. If the local newspapers go out of business, free advertisers will have to go to the expense of advertising on the fence.

A MEMORABLE YEAR AT ITS END.

We witness today the last sun of the year of our Lord, 1916. Indeed a memorable year it at an end. It will go down in history with its two predecessors, 1914 and 1915, as one of a group of the most historic and tragic years upon earth. There may be others in the group, as 1917 is sure to be, but let us hope that the new year may be more notable for what it may bring to humanity in the way of peace.

The old year will be checked off the calendar tonight, but some how or other people do not grieve at the passing of an old year but rather rejoice that a new one has come in which to go forward in life, possibly the same old routine, perhaps with changes and chances for the better, and, at any rate, with the hope that inspires us to expect the best. Our expectations may be as disappointed as some of those of the old year or they may be realized under happier auspices than characterized our experiences of the year that is gone.

Who knows? Somehow or other, at least, most people really are glad to see an old year go, because most people have had experiences that they want to forget with the better prospects that all of us think are just ahead. It may not be so, but that is human nature.

Many a page of history will be filled by the events of the year that ends today. There are hundreds of tragic events that have featured 1916 in the European war. In our own country we re-elected a Democratic president, and witnessed the price of cotton soar beyond 20 cents a pound, the highest since the first decade following the Civil War. Of course, it is impossible to even recount briefly the notable things that occurred in this old year, but let us remember at least that 1916 witnessed the movement inaugurated by President Wilson to bring about peace in Europe and to bind the world's nations together in a league to assure lasting peace for the world.

SPECULATING IN EVERYTHING.

A well known economist declares that one of the causes of the high cost of living is the growing disposition to speculate in everything, even in land and the fruits thereof. Daily in all the great commercial centers of the world speculation is rife in bread and meat and even in the raw materials that go into what we wear. However, it is pointed out that speculation in land is one of the worst evils of the day. It is putting a limit on the development of farms and is driving the rural population to the cities.

Lands are being bought up all over America and are being held at such prices that the poor man in the country can no longer hope to own a farm and make a home of his own. He either becomes a tenant, a hand or a man bound somewhere, generally for the manufacturing cities.

In a recent article Sheldon S. Cline declares that there is a wide conviction among student of the subject that the best hope of solving the problem of farm labor is to enable the laborer to become owners of land. That makes a farmer of a laborer and it is to the farmers that this country must look to lower the cost of living—not at their expense, of course, but in the greater production that is necessary to feed a rapidly growing population in a country of more than 100,000,000 consumers.

Even the government is interested in making the laborer a farm owner and that is one of the objects of the farm loan banks, but the growing tendency to buy up and speculate in land is going to be one of the draw backs. The prices of farms are getting so high that if a man had the money to buy one, he would ask himself what he wanted with a farm if he had enough money to start a factory.

Many sections of the country are suitable for settlers but it is said the land speculators are keeping them away by high prices and terms that practically are prohibitive to the class who would become homeseekers, if the inducements were sufficient.

Certainly more farms and more farmers are needed, and Mr. Cline in his article states that what is needed is "a system which will enable the farm laborer and the newly arrived immigrant, with little capital, aside from his muscle and knowledge of farming, to get on the land with a chance to work their way to ownership." Indeed that is true.

CATTLE SHIPPED OUT OF THE STATE.

As badly as beef is needed in North Carolina, it seems curious that the State's fine mountain cattle should be shipped out of the State, while high priced packing house meats are shipped in. Carloads of beef cattle frequently arrive at Salisbury or High Point for shipment out of the State, but the reason for it is that there is no packing house market in Western North Carolina. Possibly when Wilmington gets her packing house ready some of those Western North Carolina cattle can be shipped this way.

The North Wilkesboro Hustler records the fact that a few days ago 34 head of beef cattle were shipped from Wilkesboro to High Point by Mr. W. S. Wellborn. He has shipped nine carloads since the terrific flood of last summer. He gets the cattle in Ashe and Watauga counties. The North Wilkesboro paper in noting this traffic in mountain raised cattle, adds that "hides are bringing a good price."

However, when live cattle are shipped away their hides go with them, and were that to be kept up there would be no opportunity in this State for a tannery industry. When we get about three packing houses in operation in this State, in order to develop the livestock industry, it will revolutionize the economic conditions that at present deprive us of our raw materials in beef cattle, hides and fertilizers.

The railroads are even encouraging the shipment of livestock out of the South to distant packing houses, because it furnishes business for the railroads. The Southern Railway even runs livestock specials from Georgia and North Carolina, one of the concentration points being at Asheville. While that is business for the railroad it is an economic mistake on the part of any Southern state to ship its meat animals out of the state. However, the livestock raisers want a market and they are going to ship to a distant market unless home capital in the South establishes near-by packing house markets in order to stop this drain. Packing houses will not only do that, but they will promote the development of the livestock industry.

The railroads can do a great work in promoting the livestock industry in their territory by encouraging the packing house industry. Since they offer low rates for stock shipments and run special livestock trains to distant markets, no doubt they will offer all these facilities to packing houses in their own territory.

CAROLINA'S BROTHER POETS.

Yesterday The Star received from Richard G. Badger, publisher, Boston, a book of North Carolina poems, entitled, "Blue Bird Songs of Hope and Joy." The poet authors are two well known brothers of our State, each greatly esteemed and honored by all who know them. Many who read this personally know Mr. William Laurie Hill and the Rev. Halbert G. Hill, D. D., and certainly our personal acquaintance with them enables us all the more to appreciate the pretty little volume that the two gifted brothers have produced in a collaboration that is poetic within itself.

"Blue Bird Songs of Hope and Joy," is a book of 192 pages, and the price is $1.50 net. It is in two parts—one containing consecutively the poems written by Mr. William Laurie Hill and the other being devoted to the poems of his beloved brother, Dr. Hill. They are descendants of the Rev. William Hill, a member of the Colonial Convention which met in North Carolina in 1775. All North Carolina editors know Mr. William Laurie Hill, for he is an old editor and is poet laureate of the North Carolina Press Association. His brother, Dr. Hill, is a Presbyterian minister, who for more than 50 years has been a preacher of that denomination in this State. He is the oldest Presbyterian minister in North Carolina, but it is hard to tell whether the preacher or the editor is the more lovable or whether both may divide the honors as they have done in their delightful volume of poems.

Their book is a gem that sparkles with more than 150 songs and sonnets that, inspirationally, metrically and technically, are types of true poetic art. There is a fascinating human interest touch in each and every one and they truly are echoes from the woodland, the field and the sweet home life as we know it in North Carolina. There is a gentle charm about the verse and the poems appeal to the highest and best side of human nature, for they merrily and cheerfully portray the sense of love, the true, the beautiful and the good. When we read the lines of every verse we read the hearts of the brother poets, and yet they have not forgotten to give us some verse of the profound sort that varies the mellifluent and sparkling poesy that characterizes the whole. Indeed, true poetry is that to be found in "Blue Bird Songs of Hope and Joy."

"CONSTRUCTIVE PSYCHOLOGY"

To The Editor of The Star:

Can you give publicity to my periodical plea for cooperation and support in the work of human advancement—fellowship—Brotherhood?

Your readers will be interested in the splendid work accomplished by the Pathfinders Club of America, Detroit, Mich., in the upbuilding of men in prison and out, through their courses in Character-building, releasing man from the bondage of Hate, Anger, Fear, Jealousy and Revenge and substituting positive influences over their lives.

Two years ago four determined young men met in Detroit to study and apply Constructive Psychology in the building of Character — and "to know the law and live a life of service to mankind," and today their correspondence courses carry these lessons to the inmates of 22 prisons. "The man who changes the standard of his life for the better through Reason is a stronger, safer and happier man than the one who changes through fear of punishment."

The mastery of self prepares man to make answer to the world for his being, and the officials of the Iowa Reformatory were satisfied that their men were better men and better prisoners since one of their inmates became the leader of an Inside Club of Character-building. It was founded with 127 members, and in two months' time had grown 40 per cent.

Business men and women also should be interested in this work and I am anxious to have a study and teaching group in each of the larger centers. Will not the readers of the Star who are interested in this phase of welfare work communicate direct with the Club Leader, Mr. J. F. Wright, 281 Calumet Avenue, Detroit, Mich., so that the scope of the work can be enlarged and the movement nationalized on a scale commensurate to the value of the work? The club supplies books and prison courses without charge to the students, and non-prison members have nominal dues.

I read with interest in your issue of the 23rd of this month what strides the people of Carolina have made in the treatment of prisoners, and feel we can expect rich returns for this educational movement from the North Carolinans.

Who will be the first to extend the right hand of fellowship?

Cordially yours,
D. L. WEHLE.

New York, Dec. 27, 1916.

THE CHILDREN OF BELGIUM

(New York Evening Post).

An appeal is being made to the American people to keep the children of Belgium supplied with that modicum of food which is necessary if they are to grow up and be other than physical wrecks. The appeal is not made by persons who have merely warm hearts and benevolent impulses as their warrant. It is made by a body which has earned not only gratitude for its humane endeavors, but admiration for the unexampled efficiency, economy, energy, and tact with which it has conducted its work. The Commission for Relief in Belgium has, these two longs years of horror and suffering, achieved for the rescue of the stricken people what nothing could have achieved but the highest skill in organization and the unstinted devotion of unrelaxing personal effort. To its chairman, Mr. Herbert Hoover, the eminent engineer who has, ever since the beginning of the war, consecrated all his time and energy to this great work, Americans owe a debt of gratitude almost as great as that of the Belgians themselves; for what he has done for the good name of our country is beyond estimation. And the associates of Mr. Hoover, on both sides of the Atlantic, are entitled in their degree to a like appreciation.

What the Commission asks us to do is a small thing. It can be done without entailing any sacrifice upon anybody. What it asks us to give can be gicen out of the abundant prosperity which has been the fortune of so many of us, and not felt by the givers except as a pleasure. The fact which the Commission sets before us is extremely simple. A considerable portion of the population of Belgium, however much it may be suffering, gets enough food to keep it in something like a normal state of health. Even among the classes which are suffering severly for want of food, the degree of need is not equally urgent in all cases. It is even stated that the infants, owing largely to the solicitate of the mothers who deny themselves that their babes may have food, are, as a rule, well enough nourished. It is for the children of school age that the great necessity for added relief exists. The Commission says:

"In the case of the older children belonging to these classes, particularly those in the adolescent stage, there is an alarming increase in tuberculosis, due to the lower power of resistance consequent on inadequate diet. It is to correct this serious tendency that the system of school feeding previously referred to is being installed, and it is this added service that will intail the extra expenditure of over one million dollars per month which it is hoped America will assume."

The "system of school feeding" here mentioned is thus referred to by Mr. W. L. Honnold, who has recently come to New York, to succeed to the directorship of the Commission in America, after making a thorough inspection of conditions in Belgium:

"If the children in Belgium and Northern France are to grow to healthy maturity, they must be provided with more food than is now supplied to them, and to this end the Commission for Relief in Belgium will ask the people of the United States to give at least one million dollars monthly toward the cost of a special meal which will be served every day in the schools.

In a leaflet entitled "A Plea for One Million Belgian Children," the Commission states that this meal will cost one dollar per month for each child. As the expenses of administration and distribution are defrayed out of funds already at the Commission's disposal for that purpose, a contribution of one dollar will give one Belgian child that sorely needed school meal every day for a month; a contribution of $6,000 will mean that a thousand children are provided with it for half a year.

Is it possible that we shall fail to respond to this appeal? That we shall refuse to send to the pining children of this heroic nation, a nation to which our sympathy has gone out as to no other, a paltry fraction of our extraordinary abundance? That, with riches pouring in upon so many of us, with luxury and self-indulgence unatinted, we shall turn away unmoved from the spectacle of this suffering and fail to stay this awful sacrifice of the innocents? It ought not to be possible, but experience shows that it is. There is doubtless enough generosity in the country to cover the amount called for and much more; the trouble is to bring the appeal home to people who, if they but realized the facts, would respond liberally enough. And unfortunately, time is of the essence of this matter. Help must be given not only liberally, but promptly. In order that the amount be raised in time it is necessary that a strong concerted effort be made for the purpose. We trust that many a reader of the Evening Post will feel moved at once to send his contribution, large or small, to the Commission for Relief in Belgium, at its office, 120 Broadway; and every contribution will carry its share of help for the work of rescue. But we venture to hope that some may feel prompted to do more than give money.

The Star is authorized to say that any contributions that may be handed or mailed to Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National Bank, will be forwarded with the greatest of pleasure.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A few years ago Robeson county, parts of it at least, was looked upon as a bed of malaria and typhoid, but conditions have changed, and now these diseases are very rare, and Robeson has the lowest death rate of any of the surrounding counties. The great reason for this is the fact that Robeson employs a whole time health officer in the person of Dr. B. W. Page, one of the most efficient physicians in the State.—Lumberton Tribune.

Anyway, why not a news print mill for North Carolina, even if there was not a need for the paper here at home at equitable prices at all but on account of raw material right here at our hands which is going to waste and ruin and which could so easily be converted into a good paying asset equally as profitable as the saw mill industry? The great need is for some man or set of men to start the thing and the rest would be easy.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

The Morning New Bernian has this editorial paragraph: "A Bible class teacher in Greensboro and a pastor in Wilmington received nice automobiles for Christmas presents, from their friends. Santa Claus was surely good to them." In the case of the Bible class teacher in Greensboro the members of the class felt that they had received so much good from the labors of their teacher that they could not give him too much. They didn't know what to give him, but if the New Bernian editor could have seen the enthusiasm over the proposition to make the gift, he would have concluded that Santa Claus didn't do one-half of what he wanted to do.—Greensboro Record.

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GOLDFISH BOWL DENOUNCED.

Murder of Millions of Fish Laid to It by Aquarium Society.

(From St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

Fish, fish everywhere, and not a single one of them big enough to be eaten can be seen in the 300-aquaria exhibit of the National Aquarium Society of America here. And even if they were, no one would think of buying a "mess" for the purpose after learning at what high monetary values are held even the tiniest of the many specimens.

For instance, the baby veiled-tails, of blue and calico, sell for $25. When grown these fish are snapped up at inconceivable prices by wealthy connoisseurs. Veil-tails are the hardest of all goldfish to breed properly. Out of a millio nspeciens, probably two or three will be perfect. They are the elite of the goldfish tribe.

Next among these piscatorial aristocrats come the Lion Heads; the Moors, a black velvety Chinese fish; the Shubunkins, or brocaded goldfish, a type which has taken the Japanese many centuries to develop; the dragon-eyed variety with protruding optics, as big as small marbles, and the Dojo fish, the Japanese weather barometer, which appears to have a fit several hours before an approaching storm. These fish are said to get their premonition through their sensitive whiskers, which become charged with the electricity of the air. They grow so affected that if the storm is to be a severe one they will end their spasmodic fit by "flipping" out of the quarium to the floor.

The exhibit of water snails comprises 15 varieties. These are the scavengers for an aquarium. No goldfish, it is said, can be properly kept without them. They form a part of what is called a "balanced" aqurium, which, according to Mr. Lloyd, president of the society, is made up of the fish, the snails and certain aquarium vegetation which furnishes oxygen to the fish.

The society is trying to get Congress to pass a law abolishing the globe as used by many amateur fish-owners. Fully 14,000,000 fish, it is said, are "murdered" annually because of the improper "balance" of the water in these round bowls. Only the square receptacles should be used.

ROAD BUILDING IN GEORGIA.

Practically All Able-Bodied Convicts Are Thus Utilized.

Georgia employs practically all her able-bodied male convicts in road-building. In 1909 the state abandoned the old system of leasing prisoners to private contractors and since that time an increasing number have been employed on the roads.

The work has been considered successful, in spite of the system under which it is organized, and which could not lead to the best results. There has been no central system of state roads under a responsible highway commission. Each county has built its roads, petitioning the State Prison Commission for the number of convicts necessary for its undertakings. The matter of alloting the convicts to the several counties has been beset with difficulties, and especially this past year owing to an unfortunate change in the law.

Judge Cann, of Savannah, reporting on this change to the National Committee on Prisons, states that under the new law the convicts are to be apportioned amongst the counties according to the mileage of rural post roads. It is practically impossible, Judge Cann points out, to make the distribution upon this basis, owing to the difficulty of ascertaining the mileage definitely, and because many counties are claiming greater mileage of roads than those legally established. He also states that some of the larger counties will be seriously discriminated against and are preparing to enjoin the distribution of the convicts under this law.

Judge Cann further states his conviction that the law will be changed at the session of the General Assembly during the summer of 1917.

With this in view, the National Committee on Prisons is bringing before the citizens of Georgia the advantages of a state highway commission which would be responsible for all the roads of the state. Such a commission could hire the prisoners from the State Prison Commission for the road work, the Prison Commission remaining responsible for them except when actually working on the roads.

The National Committee is pointing out that if Georgia desires to get the best results from her convict road work provision for this co-ordination of the Highway and Prison departments will be passed by the legislature of 1917. The committee is hopeful that Georgia will see the opportunity for the state and the convicts, and will both pass the necessary legislation and vigorously enforce it.

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(advertisement.)

TALKS ON THRIFT

THRIFT CAMPAIGN SERIES

GASOLINE AND THRIFT

To write about thrift in connection with gasoline would seem as logical as talking about peace and quietude of mind amid the bursting of shells on a battlefield. But there can be thrift in the use of things that seem luxurious, as well as thrift in the use of things that are necessary. If, for instance, with the gift of an article that is a pure luxury goes the directions for its economical use, it would be folly to disregard the advice of the maker who knows how the article should be used to give the best results, irrespective of the fact that it costs you nothing.

If, out of the millions of car owners of this country, only a small percentage were to practice thrift in the use of gasoline, the consumption would be greatly reduced and the cost cheapened accordingly; for the high prices must of necessity be traceable to the huge and insatiable demand that results from the hundreds of thousands of cars used daily.

When the motor car was a new thing, gas was obtainable at a price that would make the heart of the present day motorist leap with joy, and little thought given to its economy; but as it goes up and up, care must of necessity be used if the cost of motoring does not become prohibitive. It has been stated on good authority that a saving of from fifty to one hundred dollars per year per car could be made if care were taken in the use of gasoline. Care of bearings, care of tires, and clean cylinders will save the car owner more than he knows. Those who know anything at all about a car will appreciate the fact that we waste a lot of fuel that does no good.

We do not coast the hills, we let the motor run when the car is standing, we use the clutch too much, we have poor adjustments on the carburetor, and burn gas instead of air. We do not get full measure from the gasoline seller, and we make long detours because distance is so little an element in motoring.

There will come a time, if it is not already here, when every man who earns twelve hundred dollars a year in small places, and eighteen hundred a year in the larger towns, can afford and should have a car. It brings more lasting and beneficial pleasure than any other medium yet devised, as a pastime. It takes you out of doors. It gives you a chance to picnic with the family, see the country, save time, entertain as no other device ever can, and has its proper place in the scheme of life. But a little study of cars and their care and operation, though for the little savings that are possible, will make what would seem to be a burdensome tax a real and lasting benefit.

Bert Williams in one of his characteristic scenes in the Winter Garden, drives up to a wayside gas station in a battered motorcycle, and asks for "ten drops of gas," and carefully inquires of the dealer how far it will take him.

"Eighty miles down hill," is the prompt reply. And that is the whole secret of gas using—to go down hill without it, for sometimes you can't get up the hill with it.

Have a car if you can afford it, and not because your neighbor has one; get all the pleasure out of it possible, but remember the little economies in oil, tires, gas, electricity and the like, and find that thrift has its place here as well as in a big factory.

DANCING PUMPS
AND
SLIPPERS
FOR THE
HOLIDAY
DANCES
—AT—
PETERSON & RULFS
WILMINGTON'S LARGEST AND BEST SHOE STORE

COMMISSION FORM IS ENDORSED BY MEETING

L. Clayton Grant Has Opportutity To Hear Much Discussion

General Opinion of Gathering Was That Change is Desired—Difference of Opinion as to the Means of Doing It.

That the city of Wilmington should have a form of commission government with a mayor as chief executive and a board of three commissioners was the general consensus of opinion of several hundred men attending a mass meeting in the county court house last night, called by Representative L. Clayton Grant for the purpose of receiving suggestions as to legislation desired.

While an effort was made by several men present to obtain a statement from the meeting that no change shall be made in the present charter without submitting it to the people, this motion was never put before the house and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 o'clock after having discussed various other legislation.

Representative Grant had to contend with more parliamentary points of law than he will meet up with as a member of the approaching Legislature and for a time it seemed that it was chiefly a game of making motions. While a number of those present were in favor of a restoration of the old form of city government with a board of aldermen and a board of audit and finance, they were in the minority. The criticism of the present city government was aimed more especially at the form and not at the administration, it being the consensus of opinion that the present charter is not effective.

Want Bridge Over River.

While the larger part of the audience dispersed in the midst of parliamentary discussion shortly after 10 o'clock some 50 or more remained to discuss other matters. Those remaining voted favorably upon a motion to authorize Representative Grant to draft a bill providing for giving the people an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing bonds for school improvements to the amount of $250,000. The gathering also acted favorably on the proposition to authorize the county commissioners to issue $17,000 in bonds to pay a balance on the cost of building the county stockade. The meeting also went on record as opposing the placing of the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department under the civil service.

The meeting went on record as favoring either a free ferry or a bridge across the Cape Fear river, though the majority were in favor of having a bridge. The general sentiment was in favor of having something done immediately as present conditions were considered very unsatisfactory. However, there was a wide divergence of opinion as to what can be done but the majority were in favor of having a bridge, if that can be secured.

Mr. Grant Presides.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock by Representative Grant, who declared that in calling th meeting it was his purpose to give every citizen of New Hanover an opportunity to make any suggestions he desired with reference to legislation. He had promised to be amenable to the public wishes and his pre-election platform and he proposed to abide by that promise. He thought all public questions should be publicity discussed.

Mr. Grant was, upon motion of Iredell Meares, Esq., elected chairman of the meeting. Mr. Grant suggested that only one question be discussed at a time and that the addresses be as brief as possible. He had come to get ideas and while he had his own, he wanted to hear from others rather than to express his own.

Mr. Bellamy Speaks.

Hon. John D. Bellamy was the first to respond, suggesting that the city government be discussed first. This met with approval and Mr. Bellamy then proceeded to launch several broadsides in the present form, declaring that it has been evident for several years that there is something wrong with Wilmington. He ascribed this in part to the hybrid or mongrel form of city government and also party to probably lack of enterprise on the part of the people. In 41 years at the local bar he had never heard of as much discontent as during the past year. He referred to industrial conditions.

He spoke highly of the old board of audit and finance which was instituted in 1875 and declared that he thought that nothing better had ever been devised and that a return should be made to it. He read extracts from the present charter, providing that no bills shall be paid without being first approved by Council and declared that as a lawyer he believed it was being violated because heads of the departments pay bills without approval from a higher authority.

He was warmly applauded when he declared that he was ready to be taxed to make improvements in the outskirts of the city. He thought the city has the dry rot. He believed that the only salvation is in a return to the old form.

Former Councilman T. W. Wood submitted a letter from Mayor Mudphy, of Greensboro, outling the commission form in operation in that city. Mayor Murphy declared that it had been unusually satisfactory.

Wants Compromise Form.

A. G. Ricaud, Esq., recalled his work done two years ago in conjunction with E. S. Martin, Esq., in drawing up a managerial form of government for Wilmington, which was defeated, and declared that at that time he was prejudiced against that form decidedly. The best form of city government in his opinion that every came under his observation was the old board of audit and finance. "It was the safest, the best and absolutely the most advantageous form I know," he declared.

But conditions change, he stated, and men must change with them. He believed that to return to this form would be a retrograde movement and that it would also be regarded as antagonistic to Democratic principles. Efficiency is desired. After careful consideration he had come to the belief that a compromise between the managerial and the commission form is the best solution of the problem. This could be had by having a mayor and a board of three managers.

He condemned the present lack of co-operation among the people, declar-

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TO RING OUT THE OLD AND RING IN THE NEW

The Year of Our Lord, 1916, Passes Into History Tonight.

Special Watch Night Services in Many Churches Will Mark Birth of New Year—Holiday Tomorrow. Golf Tournament.

When next the clocks of the city chime the hour of midnight, the year, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, hoary, aged and infirm, will totter into his grave to be gathered again into the bosom of the ages. When next the rising sun throws its olden beams over Wilmington, it will light the radiant countenance of Time's latest offering, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

In hundreds of churches tonight congregations will gathe, and listen with bowed heads while the voice of the minister invokes a final blessing. Hundreds, thousands of bells throughout the world will peal out the gladsome notes announcing the birth of the New Year.

Tonight will be the one night of the whole year when practically every man, woman and child will remain out of bed until midnight. "Watch Night Services" will be held in nearly all of the local churches, and those that do not observe this particular form of celebration, will have some other appropriate exercises.

Old 1916 has left his name carved deep in our memories by many pranks that none of his predecessors have ever equalled. He has smother and scorched us with his summer's heat, and has chilled us to the very marrow with his sudden, spiteful, wintry blasts, that came long before they were scheduled, and with the suddenness of a bombshell.

He has tantalized us with freaks of fate and fortune, never dreamed of before. Many are the wakeless nights we have spent, while waiting for news, that the pranks of the old year cajoled into weird acts, yet with all this, there is a touch of pathos in the thought that when the sun dips behind forests of Brunswick this afternoon, that it will rise no more on 1916.

The wild bells that ring out the old year and ring in the new, will usher out not only the dying year, but also the dead hopes, morbid sentiments, and evil passions of thousands and thousands of men and women throughout the world, who have resolved to bury the past with the crumbling year, and greet the dawn of a new life with the coming of the new cycle.

The bells will ring in not only the birth of a new year, but likewise the birth of new resoltuions, new hopes and new desires. They will bring into the souls of many the birth of a new life, conceived in the failure of dying passions, and born amid the environments of loftier thoughts.

Tonight will be a night of watchfulness and prayer in many of the churches of the city. Beginning at 10 o'clock, Trinity Methodist church will hold a watch night service that will not only be a celebration for the birth of the New Year, but also a solemn hour of prayer for the unification of the two branches of Methodism.

The First Baptist church will also hold "watch night" services from 10 to 12 o'clock. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, the pastor, will deliver a sermon on "Heaven." Special musical numbers will be rendered by a choir of 16 trained voices, while the congregation will join in singing old familiar hymns.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan, for the past five years pastor of Calvary Baptist church, will celebrate his pastorial anniversary at the pastorium from 4 to 11 p. m. on New Year's Day.

The Church of the Good Shepherd will observe watch night services toward midnight tonight.

Holiday hours will be observed at the local postoffice Monday. The general delivery window will be open from 11 a. m. to 12 noon, and stamps will be sold during this period. The registry window will be open at the same time. Only one delivery and one collection of mail will be made by the carriers during the day.

The Cape Fear Country Club will hold a New Year golf tournament Monday that promises to be one of the biggest events in the history of the club. An oyster roast and basket dinner will be served early in the afternoon.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Aged Cripple Draws Six Months for Going on Rampage.

Morris Cowan, an aged inmate of the County Home, who went on a rampage a few days ago, and after making a bayonet of his crutch and utilizing a war club of his own design terrorized the inmates of the county home until arrested by Sheriff Jackson, paid the penalty for his little episode in Recorder's court yesterday morning when he was sentenced to six months in jail. He will be domiciled in the county stockade.

Other cases disposed of at yesterday's session of the court were: Sandy Allen, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, bound over to Superior Court on a charge of maiming; George Allen, colored, implicated in same case, held open; M. D. Meir, white, passing worthless check, paid costs, and face value of check; Viola Johnson, colored, assault, costs; Geneva Chesnut, colored, costs, 30 days in default; Lizzie Miller, colored, disorderly conduct, adjudged frivolous and malicious, and the prosecutrix, Freda Hawkins, taxed with the costs.

Harry Sweat, a young colored boy, was tried at the juvenile session of court on a charge of vagrancy, and paroled for six months in the custody of Probation Officer James H. Johnston.

GREAT BOUT EXPECTED.

Olin-Lundin Match Will be Biggest Event of Season Here.

Wilmington wrestling fans are already beginning to look forward to the championship wrestling match which will be staged at Woolvin Hall Friday night between Champion John Olin and Hjalmar Lundin. This will undoubtedly be the biggest wrestling attraction ever brought to Wilmington, and it is expected that a record breaking crowd will attend.

Fritz Hanson will leave this evening for Columbia, where he will meet the English middleweight champion Wednesday night. Fritz is in fine condition and anticipates little trouble in winning.

COUNCIL OUTLINES ITS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Resolutions Endorsed at Conference Adopted Unanimously.

Councilmen Merritt and Jones Absent From Special Meeting—Sewerage Problem Referred to Special Committee for Report.

The legislative programme agreed upon in conference on Friday night was formally adopted by City Council at a special meeting yesterday afternoon which was attended by Mayor Moore and Councilmen McCaig, Hall, Bradshaw and Bunting. The much discussed problem of getting rid of surface closets by the use of cans was referred to a special committee composed of Councilmen Bradshaw, Merritt and Jones for report.

The resolutions, published in yesterday's Star, asking that the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department be placed under the civil service and that the waters of Smith's creek and Burnt Mill creek be excluded from the city limits and also that the county pay one-half of the expenses of the Health Department instead of one-fourth as at present, were offered by Councilman McCaig and adopted without a dissenting vote.

Councilman McCaig also presented a resolution, which has been prepared by City Attorney Ruark, asking that the General Assembly pass an act by which authority may be conferred upon Council to have a correct, complete and comprehensive abstract of all past due and unpaid taxes of the city prepared and adopt the same as the official record of the city as to such back taxes. As matters now stand there is no official record except the original tax books and these are very unsatisfactory as it is difficult to look up all the back taxes that a property owner may owe.

City Attorney Ruark also presented resolution asking the General Assembly to pass an act to enable Council to contract for the lighting of the streets of Wilmington for a period of not exceeding ten years. The adoption of this resolution is in accordance with the provisions of the contract entered into last summer with the Tidewater Power Company. Under the existing State law all cities and towns in the State have the authority to enter into contracts for a longer term than that of the board of aldermen or commissioners holding office with the exception of those in Cumberland and New Hanover, which were excepted from its provisions. Wilmington now asks to be withdrawn from the exception.

Committee Will Decide.

Councilman McCaig, chairman of the finance committee, brought up the question of buying cans to be used in surface closets. Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, and Councilman Bradshaw, who was asked to confer with Dr. Nesbitt about the matter, had recommended that 750 of these cans be purchased in order to meet existing needs. Councilman McCaig said they would cost $1,075 and he recommended that they be bought, if it was necessary to have them in order to abate a nuisance. By buying them at once a saving can be made as the prices after January 1st will be higher.

It would only take about 150 cans outside of the sewerage limits of the city, Councilman Bradshaw said, and as there was douht as to whether the buy-of the cans would effect a saving to the city and whether it would do more than to abate the nuisance caused in the Southern part of the city by the dumping of night soil, about which vigorous complaint has been made, it was decided to find out if it is possible to solve the problem in some other way.

On motion of Councilman McCaig, the appointment of a committee to look into the matter was authorized and Mayor Moore named Councilmen Bradshaw, Jones and Merritt.

Abstract of Taxes.

The resolution asking for authority to have an abstract of back taxes made is as follows:

"Whereas, the authorities of the city of Wilmington have in times past and from time to time had prepared various transcripts of back taxes due and owing to the city, none of which have been adopted by the authorities of the city as official, and it is desirable in the opinion of this Council and that a correct, complete and comprehensive abstract of any and all taxes now past due and unpaid to the city be prepared and that the same, when prepared and duly verified, shall be adopted by the Council of the city as the official record of such back taxes, to the end that the collection of such back taxes may be the better enforced and the labor of so doing may, as far as posible, be simplified;

"Therefore, Resolved,—That the City Attorney be requested to prepare an act to be presented to the General Assembly at its session of 1917 by which act authority may be conferred upon the Council of the city to have prepared a correct, complete and comprehensive abstract of all past due and unpaid taxes to said city, and to incur the necessary expense of so doing, and granting authority to the Council when the same shall have been prepared and verified to the satisfaction of the Council, to adopt the same as the official record of the city as to such back taxes, and further providing that the same shall be when so prepared, verified and adopted prima facie evidence of its contents in any court in the State of North Carolina.

"Resolved Further.—That it is the opinion of this Council that the said act should provide for a statute of limitations for a period of five years, and that as to all such back taxes as shall appear on the transcript prepared, as herein provided, no suit or action to enforce the collection of same shall be brought after five years from and after the date of the adoption by the Council of such transcript."

Extension of Contracts.

The resolution adopted by Council, asking for authority to enter into contracts for lighting the streets for a period of not exceeding ten years, is as follows:

"Whereas, the Council has hertofore authorized the proper officers of the city to enter into and execute a contract between the city and Tidewater Power Company concerning the lighting of the streets and public thoroughfares of the city for a certain period of time, but was advised by the City Attorney at the time of so authorizing said contract that the Council was without authority to authorize a contract extending beyond its term of office, and at the time of authorizing the contract as stated this Council pledged or promised its best efforts to obtain such legislation as might be necessary at the 1917 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina to enable this Council to extend the contract hereinfore entered into for a total period of ten years from the date of its execution and to favor the passage by the General Assembly of such laws or amendments to existing laws as would enable the Council so to do;

"Therefore, be it Resolved by the Council that the representative from New Hanover county and the senator from this district in the General Assembly of 1917 be and are hereby requested to present to the General Assembly for enactment a suitable law or amendment to existing law so as to enable this Council to contract for the lighting of the streets, alleys and public ways of this city for a period of not exceeding ten years."

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Two Events to be Staged at Cape Fear Country Club.

Oyster Roast and Basket Luncheon Will be Features—Handsome Prizes to be Awarded Winners of Various Events.

The annual New Year's Golf tournaments tomorrow at the Cape Fear Country Club will include two important events, a men's 18-hole bogie handicap match and a 9-hole mixed foursome handicap match. The first of the two events will be played in the morning beginning at 9 A. M. and continuing until about 1 P. M.

At 1 o'colck an oyster roast and basket luncheon, which will be served by the ladies of the club, will be enjoyable features. Immediately following luncheon, the second event will be played off.

The winners of the first event will receive a handsome copper cup as first prize and three golf balls as a second prize. The winners of the second event will receive copper cups as first prizes, and four golf balls as a second prize. The regulations for the matches as announced by the greens committee are as follows.

Bogie Match.

The men's 18-hole handicap match will be open to all the men players of the club.

Handicaps will be based on one-half of the regular club handicaps used in medal play, fractions counting, and no handicap greater than 12 will be allowed in this event.

Each player will start at No. 1 tee with the number of holes up on Colonel Bogie equal to the handicap allowed him under the above system. All entrants must post their names on the sheet provided, before beginning play.

The play is according to the rules for medal score competitions, except that when a ball is lost the hole is at once given up and X marked for that hole.

Foursome Match

Regular club handicaps for mixed foursomes apply. All entrants must post their names on sheet provided and have their handicaps figured, before beginning play.

Contestants in all competitions must have their cards attested by their partners and hand them in at the score board as soon as their rounds are finished.

LOCAL FEDERAL EMPLOYES WANT INCREASE IN 'AY.

Local Unions Are Preparing Petitions to President and Congress.

The Federal Employes Union, No. 14,632, of which Mr. H. H. Ford, of Wilmington, is president, and the Postoffice Clerks Union, of this city, of which Mr. A. A. Hergenprother is president, either have circulated or are preparing to circulate petitions to the President of the United States and to Congress, asking for increased pay on account of the greatly increased cost of commodities.

The Nolan bill providing for a minimum wage of $3 per day to all Federal employes is now before Congress, while and aggressive effort is being made to secure other increases provided for in appropriation bills.

The Federal employes of Wilmington and this vicinity have been very active during the past week in the matter of urging the passage of the increased compensation bills by Congress. Secretary James Price, of the Postoffice Clerks Union, has already forwarded a petition to Congress urging favorable action on the bills, while Secretary T. R. Cobb, of New Bern, of the local Federal Employes Union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will forward a similar petition in a few days. It represents in its membership approximately 18,000 Federal employes. The Postoffice Clerks Union is also affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Owing to the great increase in prices of everything, the necessity for more pay for government workers is greater than ever before. Practically all industrial and commercial employes have received wage increases lately, especially those who are wise enough to organize and demand the increases. The organized workers in the government navy yards and arsenals have had their wages raised from time to time during the last few years as the wage scales in industrial work went up. But the clerical and similar employes of the United States receive practically the same wages as they did 50 years ago, or less.

ANOTHER SOCIAL MESSAGE.

Dr. Milton Will Deliver Another of Series Tonight.

Dr. William H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, will complete his series of sermons on the "Social Message of Jesus," two weeks from tonight. At the services this evening, he will preach on the "Justification and Obligations of Capital." His two remaining subjects will be "The Demand and Rewards of Labor," and "The Church's Attitude Toward Social Reform."

The services tonight will be marked with a musical recital appropriate to the passing of the old year, and the birth of the new. It is expected that quite a number will attend tonight.

ANNOUNCING

Our Next Regular Interest Quarter

January 2nd

Your Deposit, made with this bank on or before the above date will have the advantage of drawing Interest from the New Year—the first of January—and will receive credit for a full quarter's interest three months from date. Begin the New Year and success with the "People's."

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Greetings and Best Wishes For a

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New Year.

MISS ROSE TAPLEY COMING

Vitagraph Star Will be Guest of Honor at Banquet Given by Howard & Wells at The Orton Tomorrow Night.

Miss Rose Tapley, leading lady with the Vitagraph Company of America, one of the best known of all screen actresses, will arrive in Wilmington tomorrow morning at 9:50 o'clock from Washington, D. C.

Miss Tapley, who is making an educational tour of America in the interest of improving the standing of moving-picture plays, will make short addresses following both the matinee and evening performances of "The Common Law" at the Victoria Theatre.

A reception committee of ladies appointed by Messrs. Howard and Wells will meet the distinguished actress at the union station and escort her to The Orton.

Miss Tapley will be the guest of honor at a banquet which will be given by Howard & Wells Amusement Company to their employes and families at The Orton tomorrow night at 11 o'clock. Mr. James H. Cowan will act as toastmaster at the banquet.

Upon leaving Wilmington, Miss Tapley will leave on the morning train for Atlanta, where she is billed to appear at local theatres practically every day of the coming week.

Covers will be laid at the banquet for between 75 and 100 employes of the company and members of their families. The giving of such an elaborate banquet by a local corporation marks the initiation of an appropriate form of recognition of the loyalty and faithful service of the company's staff of employes.

TWO SERVICES TODAY.

Salvation Army Will Award Sunday School Prizes This Afternoon.

The following meetings will be held by the local corps of the Salvation Army today:

Sunday school service at 11 o'clock to which all and especially those not attending other Sunday schools are invited.

Outdoor service at the corner of Front and Princess streets at 7:30 P. M. This service will be followed by a most interesting and helpful meeting in the hall on Dock, near Front street. At this meeting prizes will be given to the members of the Sunday school who have made the required number of attendance during the past year. The huge Christmas tree has been left with the decorations for this service and no doubt a large number will be present at the meeting as the public is invited.

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Boys' $5.00 Cassimere Suits; doubled breast, plain back, at $2.95
Boys' $6.00 Cassimere Suits; doubled breast, plain back, at. $3.95
Boys' $7.50 Cassimere Suits; doubled breast, plain back, at. $4.95
Boys' $5.00 Norfolk Suits; Cassimere or worsted, at $3.95
Boys' $6.00 Norfolk Suits; Cassimere or worsted, at $4.95
Boys' $7.50 Norfolk Suits; Cassimere or worsted, at $5.95

BOYS' SCHOOL COATS AND MACKINAWS.

Boys' $5.00 Heavy Overcoats, all sizes, at $3.93
Boys' $7.50 Heavy Overcoats, large sizes, at $4.95
Boys' $3.50 and $4.00 Overcoats, at $2.95
Boys' $4.00 Mackinaw Coats at . . . $2.95
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Juvenile Suits, ... $1.48 and up

BOYS' SHIRTS AND BLOUSES.

Boys' K. and E. Blouses, with the patented draw string, that will not pull out; made from beautiful quality Percales; light or dark colors, at . . 50c

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Boys' Shirts; the kind the boys like, at 50c

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Josephine Harriss has returned from Warsaw where she has been visiting friends.

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Mr. H. Q. Thompson left yesterday for Raleigh to spend the New Year with friends.

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Mrs. Frank Ewing and daughter, Miss Maude Ewing, of New York, are visiting relatives in the city.

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Miss Margaret Worth Taylor left yesterday for Greensboro, where she will spend some time with friends.

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Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Noe, who spent the holidays at Clinton, have returned home.

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Misses Thelma, Hazel and Doris Batson, of Carolina Court, left last night for Kinston, where they will spend New Year's with relatives.

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Mrs. C. V. Brown and two children, of Lumberton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fore, No. 107 North Seventh street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clark have as their guests Mr. Clark's mother, Mrs. John F. Clark, of "Sunnyside", Manchester, N. C.

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Mrs. R. B. Scott has gone to New York City, where she will spend the remainder of the holiday season.

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Miss Elizabeth Guthrie, of Southport, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Capt. R. W. Weeks, No. 208 Church street.

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The Ladies' Missionary Society of Trinity Methodist church will hold its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All ladies of the church are urged to attend.

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The first meeting of the W. C. T. U. for the new year will be held at the residence of Mrs. D. W. Bulluck, No. 309 North Fourth street at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Faison, of Watha, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnston, of Whiteville, were among the guests at the Wilmington yesterday.

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Miss Irma Vidal, of Gainesville, Fla., who is a student at the Greensboro State Normal College, is visiting Miss Eliza Murphy, No. 115 South Third street.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smallbones, Jr., and their little son, who have been spending some time in Florida at the home of Mrs. Smallbones' parents, have returned to the city.

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Misses Ruth and Blanche Britt, who are students at the Flora Macdonald College at Red Springs, are visiting their aunts, Mrs. James W. Boney and Mrs. D. J. Fitchett, on Orange street.

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Miss Nancy P. McKibben, head of the vocal department of Flora Macdonald College at Red Springs, returned home yesterday after spending several days in Wilmington with friends.

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The public is cordially invited to attend the Open House celebration to be held by the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A., at the latter institution tomorrow night from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Malone have gone to Fort Pierce, Fla., where they will spend some time. They were accompanied by Miss Virginia Fountain and on their way back to Wilmington will stop off at St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

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Mrs. Z. R. Thompson and daughter, Susan Marguerite, of Sloop's Point, Pender county, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Raleigh. They will attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hill E. King which takes place tomorrow.

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Mrs. S. E. McCormick, of Richmond, Va., is spending the holidays with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCormick, No. 116 North Fifth avenue. Mrs. McCormick was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth McCormick, also of Richmond.

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Miss Eleanor Jordan, who has been spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Jordan, No. 313 Market street, will return tonight to Tarrytown, N. Y., to resume her work as a member of the faculty of the Castle school for girls.

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Monday being a holiday, extra car service will be provided on the beach trolley line. On that day the regular week day schedule will be operated during the morning hours. In the afternoon cars to the beach will be operated every half hour from 2 to 5 p. m.

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After visiting Northern cities and studying methods of teaching employed in the most successful primary schools, Miss Atha Hicks will reopen the Play-to-a-Purpose primary school in the Cape Fear Apartments on Wednesday, January 3rd.

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As previously announced, there will be no meeting of the Wilmington Choral Society until the evening of Monday, January 8. Director Munson expects that the full membership of the organization will be present at the Elks' Temple on North Front street on this date.

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There will be special services at Grace Methodist church this evening in the interest of the unification of American Methodism. Prayer will be made in behalf of the work of the Joint Commission now in session in Baltimore. Short talks will be made by the pastor and by Rev. J. C. Wooten.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will observe the Week of Prayer for world-wide missions throughout the coming week, beginning at 8:30 Monday afternoon. Mrs. S. F. Allen will be the leader for the first service, and her subject will be "Teaching the Word." All women of the congregation are urged to attend.

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Mrs. W. H. Stansell gave a delightful rook party Friday night at her home at No. 215 Wrightsville avenue, in honor of her guest, Miss Stansell, from Alabama. During the course of the evening light refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Lottie and Ruth Robbins and Mr. Lawrence Robbins, Mr. Markey and Mr. Thomas Hunter.

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The World's Week of Prayer will be observed at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church according to the programme of the World's Evangelical Alliance every day this week at 7:30. This programme was originated 70 years ago and has been faithfully carried out at St. Andrew's church, throughout the pastorate of Dr. McClure. There will also be a sunrise prayer service at St. Andrew's at 7:30 New Year's morning.

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RECEPTION IN HONOR OF REV. AND MRS. GRIBBIN

In honor of Rev. and Mrs. Emmitt Gribbin, a reception will be given at the home of Mrs. R. B. Davis, No. 207 Red Cross street, from 8 to 10 o'clock Tuesday night. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of the congregation of St. John's church and their friends to attend the reception in honor of the new rector and Mrs. Gribbin.

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY WILL GIVE ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Parish will hold its annual Twelfth Night entertainment on Epiphany Eve, January 5th, at 8 P. M. in the Parish house.

An interesting programme has been arranged and the public is cordially invited to attend. A silver offering will be received, and the proceeds will be devoted to the cause of missions.

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BOYS' CABINET OF Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT

The Boys' Cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. entertained last night in honor of the college and school boys who are home for the holidays. A number of interesting games were played, Misses Margaret Herring and Florence Wessell and Mr. Charlie Jones winning the prizes. Delicious refreshments were served by a committee of ladies composed of Mrs. R. E. Williams, Mrs. R. A. Montgomery and Miss Pauline Williams. These ladies with Secretary Walton Johnson, also acted as chaperones. A solo by Mr. F. G. Harriss, accompanied by Mr. W. G. Robertson, and a reading by Miss Wessell were greatly enjoyed. The event was one of the best of the holiday season.

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Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 30.—On December 24th at 8:30 Mr. Hendrick Freeman and Miss Lula Kelly were married at the home of Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth, the officiating minister. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Wilmington. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kelly, of Fairmont, who has a large circle of friends who will be surprised to learn of her new relationship. Mr. Freeman is a young man of fine character who holds a responsible position in the Bladenboro Bank. These young people have many friends who will gladly welcome them on their return to Bladenboro, where they will make their home.

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MAKES FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT MRS. CARDWELL'S APPOINTMENT

The Christmas issue of The Mission Herald published by the Diocese of East Carolina contains the formal announcement by Bishop Thos. C. Darst that Mrs. Guy Cardwell, of this city, has accepted her appointment as Educational Secretary of the Convocation of Wilmington. The announcement reads as follows:

"Mrs. Guy A. Cardwell, of Wilmington, has accepted her appointment as Educational Secretary of the Convocation of Wilmington in succession to Miss Lucile Murchison whose resignation caused much regret to those interested in the educational work of the church.

"Mrs. James F. Woolvin, of Wilmington, has been appointed Custodian of the United Offering of the diocese in succession to Mrs. Joshua James who recently resigned after many years' faithful service."

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NOTABLE WEDDING CEREMONY IN RALEIGH LAST NIGHT.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—Miss Amy Winston, daughter of Judge R. W. Winston, became the bride of George Watts Carr, of Durham, tonight at 9 o'clock, in Christ Episcopal church, the ceremony being one of the most notable here in a great while. The bridal party included Mrs. Frank B. Webb, as dame of honor; F. L. Fuller, Jr., best man; Misses Lucy Stokes, Durham; Lucy Dortch, Mary Louise Manning, Martha Spruill, Rocky Mount; Frances Strong, Adelyn Barbee, Annie Belle Williams, Margaret McGary, Anna McKimmon, bridesmaids.

After an extended wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Carr will be at home in Durham.

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MEMBERS OF F. F. F. CLUB DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED

Mr. Frank Montgomery entertained the members of the F. F. F. Club at his home, No. 719 Princess street, Friday evening. The entertainment took the form of a school with Mrs. John Creasy as teacher. After the arrival of each guest, the roll was called, and every pupil answered with a nursey rhyme.

Unique contests in geography, arithmetic, spelling and drawing were held. Miss Wilma Els received the prize for the best score in arithmetic, Mr. George Tiencken in geography and Miss Alberta Creasy in drawing. At recess the pupils were marshalled into the dining room which was tastefully decorated with poinsettas made by Mrs. John Creasy. The table was spread with delicious refreshments, consisting of salad courses and ices. Poinsetta favor cups filled with candy were given to each guest as souvenirs.

Those enjoying this delightful affair were: Misses Lula Blalock, Rose Badon, Evelyn Loftin, Marie Rehder, Annie Davis, Lila Koonce, Alberta Creasy, Florence Scott, Vinan Montgomery, Wilma Els, Messrs. George Tiencken, M. M. Montgomery, Charles Wagner, Howard Hanby, Gaston Creasy, Walter Creasy, W. Love, John Bonitz, Harry Merritt and Frank Montgomery.

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Clinton Democrat: "The marriage of Miss Birdie Clifton to Mr. Ward Marshburn came as quite a surprise to their numerous friends. Announcements reading as follows have been sent out: "Mr. and Mrs. David E. Clifton announce the marriage of their daughter, Birdie Moore, to Mr. A. Ward Marshburn on Monday, December the twen-

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SEPA GROTTO TO HAVE WINTER CEREMONIAL

Big Event Takes Place in Wilmington on January 26th.

Grand Festive Occasion of Jollification Proclaimed by Monarch Solon L. Boyd—Lots of "Kandy-Dates" Expected.

The annual meeting, election of officers and winter ceremonial of Sepa Grotto, No. 79, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, will be held in Wilmington on Friday, January 26. Committees have been appointed and have already been at work for several months lining up "Kandy-Dates" and getting everything in readiness for the grandest festive occasion that Wilmington has had in many moons.

One of the big features of the occasion will be a spectacular procession through the principal streets of the city in which Prophets and "Kandy-Dates" will present some startling stunts. Following the parade there will be a big banquet given for the members of the order, their wives, their mothers, daughters and sweethearts. This latter feature will be entirely informal and in keeping with the tenets of the Grotto, which are based upon the idea of never being serious when you can be otherwise.

The ceremonial will be held in the evening in the Masonic Temple and at that time a large class of "Kandy-Dates" will be initiated into the secrets of the fraternity. The annual business meeting of the Grotto will be held in the Masonic Temple in the afternoon and will be followed by the parade.

Mr. Paul B. Bell is chairman of the membership committee and he already has a large number of applications for initiation. It is expected that there will be many from all the surrounding section.

Monarch Solon L. Byod, of Sepa Grotto, under the sign and seal of his office, has sent out the following proclamation to the members of the fraternity:

"Don't waste time wondering why a black hen lays a white egg—get the egg. Sepa is going to be one of the strongest links in the chain—so let's stop wondering and get the egg—(application).

"There are hundreds of Master Masons in Wilmington and the State that will sign the application you have if you take the matter up with them and explain that they will never really be satisfied until they have 'hailed the boat.' Tell them of the wonderful dramatic and scenic realistic work that takes a cast of 40 people and a completely equipped stage. Tell them of the Court of Reveis where joy reigns unconfined.

"Tell them as a red blooded Mason, who loves his fellowman, that he should sign an application and bask in the good fellowship that the Grotto stands for. Tell them it will make them better and happier men; that the Grotto is common ground on which all Master Masons of all degrees can get together and cultivate a spirit of fraternity, regardless of their occupation or the amount of property they possess.

"So now, as my reign is drawing to a close, I ask of you that each and everyone pull together—boost—and make Sepa Grotto a record that we each will be proud of. We shall expect you at our next ceremonial in Wilmington on Friday, January 26, 1917.

"SOLON L. BOYD,
"Monarch.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. A. T. Prince is visiting his parents at Towanda, Pa.

—Mr. George C. James, of Washington, D. C., is visiting in the city.

—Mr. Henry Harlers is visiting with friends and relatives in Charleston, S.C.

—Mr. S. Lipinsky left yesterday afternoon on the 3:45 o'clock train for Asheville.

—Among the arrivals at The Wilmington yesterday were: G. T. Lillard, Charlotte; W. S. Morris, Lewiston.

—Maj. A. E. Waldron, in charge of the local engineering district, has gone to Brown's Landing on an inspection trip.

—Mr. H. V. Conly, chief clerk in the office of the United States engineer, has gone on a hunting trip near East Arcadia.

—Mr. L. W. Moore and C. C. Cashwell, Esq., have gone to Atkinson to attend the meeting of the Wilmington Baptist Association.

—Mr. R. O. Montz, traveling freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he spent the holidays with his parents.

—Mr. L. Lipinsky, manager of the Bon Marche, has been visiting relatives for a few days in Asheville. He is expected to return to Wilmington today.

—Mr. Sidney MacMillan, who is in charge of the Raleigh office and branch of the W. D. MacMillan auto distributing agency, is in Wilmington to spend a few days on business and with relatives.

—Among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: Dr. H. L. Keith, Hendersonville; S. V. Lehm, Southport; F. D. Hardison, New Bern; W. B. Roberts, Tabor; W. V. Nesbitt, R. L. Gibbon, E. L. Mason, J. W. Zimmerman, Charlotte.

—Messrs. H. L. Cockran, Dudley Rogers, Bennie Teese, Kenneth Davis and Luther LeGwin, who are connected with the offices of the superintendent of cars of the Atlantic Coast Line, are spending the holidays at St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. T. E. McCraw, of the same office is spending the holidays at Waycross, Ga.

—City Attorney Robert Ruark, chairman of the joint committee of the North Carolina Bar Association and the Carolina Municipal League to draft legislation with reference to cities and towns, will leave this morning for New York to join John W. Hinsdale, Jr., Esq., city attorney of Raleigh, for the purpose of conferring with New York bond houses with reference to financial acts which will meet with approval when it is desired to borrow money from New York banks.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—The public library will be closed tomorrow on account of New Year's Day.

—The colored Baptist church on Ninth, between Walnut and Red Cross streets, will have a watch night service tonight.

—Rev. E. H. Hardison will preach at both the morning and night servies at Bladen Street Methodist church today in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Sell.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of the Acme Presbyterian church, will occupy the pulpit of Winter Park Presbyterian church at the regular services this evening.

—Rev. M. O. Alexander, of Charlestown, Mass., a chaplain in the United States Navy, who formerly lived in Wilmington, will speak at the Delgado Baptist church this morning. The Sunday school hour for Delgado church is 11:15 and no doubt many will attend.

—Maj. A. E. Waldron, United States District Engineer, has announced that the regulations prohibiting the passing of any dredge at work in the lower Cape Fear by a tug with more than one vessel in tow has been suspended until February 28, 1917.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. MONROE.

Will be Conducted From Residence This Afternoon—Interment at Oakdale

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. William P. Monroe, who died suddenly Tuesday evening at her home, No. 410 South Fourth street, will be conducted from the residence at 3:30 this afternoon. Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will conduct the services, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

Mrs. Monroe's husband, Lieut. Wm. P. Monroe, who is on duty along the Mexican border, is expected to arrive at noon today from El Paso, Texas. Her two sisters, Mrs. Jesse T. Galpin, of Chicago, and Mrs. E. B. Roberts, of Watertown, Wis., have already arrived. The following will act as pall-bearers: Messrs. W. H. Sprunt, W. M. Cumming, G. A. F. Bowen, Henry Haar, Charles Schnibben and Dr. Houston Moore.

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ty-fifth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, Clinton, North Carolina."———The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Clinton has extended a call to Rev. Mr. Hardin, who is at present in Kansas. Mr. Hardin is expected to accept the call and will soon become a resident of Clinton.———Miss Chrissy Boney, recently returned to her home in Wilmington after making a visit to relatives here.———Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Noe, of Wilmington, spent the holidays visiting Mrs. Noe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Partrick.———Mrs. Lula Crumpler and two daughters and Mr. T. W. Crumpler left the first of the week to visit relatives in Wilmington.———Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKoy and children left the first of the week to visit relatives in Wilmington.———Mr. Harry Hubbard, of Wilmington, spent Christmas at home."

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TOPSAIL UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS MEMORABLE CELEBRATION

Vista, Pender county, N. C., Dec. 30.—There was a very memorable celebration of Christmas at night by the Topsail Union Sunday school, of which Mr. J. E. Batson is superintendent. A beautiful holly tree 18 feet high and about 14 feet in diameter stood on a little hill in the school house yard, and was resplendent with 225 burning candles and numerous glittering decorations. There were presents from the top to the bottom, which Santa Claus, appearing in his usual arctic costume, distributed generously to the waiting children and others. Their hearts throbbed with happiness at the sight.

An interesting order of exercises preceded the distribution of the presents. There was a song by the school, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and recitations by Master I. T. Moore and Misses Eddie May King, Catherine May Nixon and Margaret King. These were interspersed with other songs and exercises.

A Bible was presented to the faithful and efficient superintendent by Mr. Clarence King on behalf of Mr. Batson's class.

Mr. Dick Moore acted as Santa Claus and many congratulations were given him for his fine impersonation. There were present many children and some grown people who had never before seen Santa Claus or a Christmas tree, and they enjoyed them to the full.

The Sunday school teachers and officers feel very grateful to the many friends who aided in making provision for the tree. The Topsail people themselves were very generous and numerous friends in Wilmington made substantial contributions. Among these were Messrs. Sigmund Bear, George Honnet, Jos. Canady, Carl Powers, J. W. H. Fuchs, R. H. Pickett, Roger Moore, T. F. Wood, E. Boushee, D. L. Gore, George Bishop, Mr. King, Robt. Shepard, Mr. Munn, W. H. Sprunt, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. J. H. Hanby, Mr. Robert Platt, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kenan, and Mrs. Cecil Bass. Mrs. J. A. Nixon, of Vista, was largely responsible for making the celebration a success.

Miss Irene Jones, of Wilmington, the neighborhood public school teacher, gave each of her pupils a pretty Christmass remembrance, and these were among the presents hanging on the tree. The occasion was one which will never be forgotten.

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WEDDING OF MUCH INTEREST CELEBRATED AT GREENVILLE

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 30.—A wedding of much interest to many in this section of the State was celebrated Wednesday when Mary Wilmot, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Moore, became the bride of Mr. W. L. Nobles. The ceremony was performed at "Sunny Lane," the home of the bride.

Promptly at 4:30 o'clock, Miss Inez Pittman began singing "All For You," accompanied by Miss May Dorsett, of Greensboro, a schoolmate of the bride. While Miss Pittman sang, Mrs. Mary E. Daniel, the only grand-parent, was brought in by Miss Cammie Vaughan, one of the younger grand-daughters, and given the seat of honor. Then to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March came the bridal party. First the ringbearer, little Miss Blanche Fleming, followed by Mrs. J. E. Wicker, dame of honor. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Eliza Moore, sister of the bride, followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Senora Mobre and Miss Lillian Nobles, sisters of the bride and groom, respectively. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. T. M. Moore. The groom came in with Dr. J. E. Nobles, his brother, as best man.

The hall, living room, dining room, and parlor were all thrown into one spacious room for the occasion, and appropriately decorated in green and white. The ring ceremony was read by Rev. J. M. Daniel, pastor of the Methodist church, before an improvised altar banked with ferns and palms, and illuminated by tiny candles. The bride wore a suit of brown, with hat and shoes to match.

Miss Moore is one of Pitt county's most popular young women. A graduate of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School, for the past three years she has been a successful teacher in the State schools. Mr. Nobles is one of our best-known and most worthy and prosperous young men.

Immediately after the vows were said, the couple left for Florida and Cuba. After January 15th they will be at home near Greenville, where the groom is engaged in farming.

The evening before the wedding, the guests were informally received. Among those who came from a distance to attend the reception and wedding were: Miss May DeRossett, Greensboro; Mrs. J. E. Wicker, Franklinton; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vaughan, and Miss Cammie Vaughan, Roanoke Rapids; Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Daniel, Chadbourn; Mr. R. W. Ward, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Purdie, Dunn; Mr. Charles Humphreys, Roanoke Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shelton, Speed; Mrs. T. M. House, and John House, Richmond, Va.; Chaplain and Mrs. R. R. Fleming, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The beautiful array of splendid and useful presents received by the happy pair attest in a slight degree their popularity.

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CHRISTMAS WEEK AT ACTIVE ONE IN SOUTHPORT SOCIETY

Southport, N. C., Dec. 30.—The week has been an active one in social circles. The holidays and the home coming of young people has made the general disposition for gaiety, so that hardly a night has passed during the week but that some home has been the scene of a gathering.

Christmas night saw one of these gatherings at the Jesse Weeks's home, where the young people had a most enjoyable time.

The same night, Christmas, Mr. Ned Davis had a number of those who enjoy dancing at his home, and a good time was passed.

Messrs. Junius Davis, E. Cranmer Newton and Fred Smith were here for a few days, visiting relatives, these Southport young men now being engaged in business at Edenton.

Among others who have been here for the holidays, some already having left for their schools, or business, were: Miss Elizabeth Davis, State Normal, Greensboro; Miss Jeannette Pearce, Greensboro; Messrs. Richard St. George, with the DuPonts; Gene Guthrie and Tom Carr, Jr., Christ school, near Asheville.

Assistant Cashier A. K. Goldfinch, of th Southport bank, with Mrs. Goldfinch and child, have been spending the week at Conway, S. C., Mr. Goldfinch's old home.

Tuesday night, at the home of Miss Lollie Bussells, there was a dance at which a number of her friends participated.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wade, on Wednesday night, there was a card party, a pleasurable evening for those present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sweetzer, of Boston, arrived this week from the North, and will spend the winter here.

Mr. A. R. Parshley is here for a short visit with relatives, and is welcomed by his many friends.

Mr. Edward Weeks, of the A & M., who is passing the holidays here, gave a dance on Thursday, complimentary to his college mate, F. J. Montgomery of Wilmington.

Miss Ida May Goodwin, of Petersburg, Va., is here visiting her brother, General Manager Goodwin, of the W. B. & S. railroad.

Mayor Joe Ruark, Mrs. Ruark and daughter, who spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Ruark's parents, at Sanford, N. C., have returned.

Mrs. Jas. W. Thompson, daughter, Catherine, and son, Thomas Mann, who had been visiting relatives at Edgefield, S. C., returned home this week.

One branch of the well and favorably known Wade family, of Morehead City, were here during the week, guests of a brother, Mr. Will Wade, who is inthe government service here. The following Wade brothers "dropped in" to say "howdy" and were given a glad reception, Messrs. Stacey, Bird, Robert, David J. and Douglas.

Miss Josie Newton entertained friend on Thursday night at her home, at a little party.

Thursday night Miss Ruth Williams gave a party to some of her young friends.

Misses Helen Baxter, of Athens, Ga., and Elizabeth Buey, of Pittsburg, Pa., have been guests of Mrs. Annie O. Robinson, at the Robins Nest. Complimentary to Misses Baxter and Buey, who have been visiting at the Robins Nest this week, Mrs. Robert Stride entertained a few friends at bridge whist, refreshments being served.

It would harly b proper to pass the holiday time without a dance at the Pavilion, this being given on Friday night, greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS NOTES OF WEEK FROM WALLACE

Wallace, N. C., Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boney, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting at the home of their brother, Mr. Paisley Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Westbrook and family, of Rocky Mount, are spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. P. M. Williams and bride, of North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Williams, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams.

Misses Ellis Register, Marguerite Ellsworth, Ellen and Jessie Rose; Messrs. Norwood Boney, George Johnson, Almond Carter, Herbert Cavenaugh, Ransom Hanchey, Clifton Knowles, Gorman and Edgar Boney, are home from their schools to spend the holidays.

Mr. Westbrook Murphy, of Rocky Mount, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murphy.

Miss Vidall, of Florida, a student at the North Carolina State Normal College, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Robinson and other relatives.

Miss Geneva Quinn passed through here Saturday en route home, Chinquapin, from Stokes, where she teaches in the graded school.

Mrs. DeLeon Wells and children, accompanied by Miss Ella Cooper, are spending Christmas with their father, Mr. Cooper, in Kenansville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McIntire, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Dunc McIntire, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. and Mrs. Burke Newkirk, of Winston, are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Lou McIntire.

The family of Mr. A. L. McGowen are spending Christmas with Mrs. McGowen's parents in Kenansville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forlaw, of Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Exum Southerland, with their little daughter, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Southerland.

White Christmas was the leading feature at Sunday morning services at the Baptist church. Quite a good sum was raised, and in the afternoon representatives of the church were driven in an auto by Mr. W. M. Rivenbark around to dispense among the needy, many of whom are sick, heavy laden baskets and checks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter and Jack, of Warsaw, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hussey.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Powers and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boney and children, of Hamlet, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright Boney.

Miss Gertrude Boney is spending the holidays at home with Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Boney. She is teaching near Greenville.

Dr. O. A. Teachey, Mr. Jeremiah Southerland and William Carroll, Jr., spent Monday and Tuesday hunting on Dr. Teachey's father's place near Rose Hill. With the ideal weather and fine shooting, the result was a large bag of birds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Camp and little Virginia, are spending the holidays with Mr. Camp's parents, in Franklin, Va.

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GREENSBORO CHRISTMAS WEEK EVENTS IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 30.— The Christmas dance of the Greensboro Cotillion Club was held Wednesday evening in Neese hall and was a largely attended function. The hall was attractively decorated and with good music, the dancing lasted until well after midnight. A number of out-of-town people were in attendance.

Mrs. W. P. Bynum gave a bridge party Wednesday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. I. L. Overfield, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is the guest of Mrs. W. P. Beall. The honor guest was presented with a pretty linen hand-embroidered handkerchief, and Mrs. E. Sternberger received a wicker basket for making the highest score.

Miss Helen Preyer gave a pretty bridge party for 24 Wednesday evening at her home on Summit avenue.

Miss Cora Galloway Mebane, who is to be married January 3 to Lieut. John Ellis Russell, U. S. A., was the guest at a number of delightful events this week. Among those entertaining for her were Miss Grace Snow, Thursday morning; Mrs. Hill Hunter Thursday afternoon, and Mrs. James T. Morehead, Jr., Friday afternoon.

The G. T. D. Club, composed of six young men, entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Corinne Justice, in Park Place. They had as their guests six young women. Dancing was enjoyed.

Mrs. C. A. Banks, Jr., entertained a party of friends at bridge Thursday morning.

The rooms of the Merchants & Manufacturers Club were attractively decorated for the dance on Tuesday evening and the fifty couples dancing had a most enjoyable evening. The hours were from 4:30 to 7 o'clock.

Miss Margaret Armstrong gave a dance Tuesday evening at the country club for her guest, Miss Elizabeth Halsell, of Texas. Invitations were issued to more than 200 persons. Sandwiches and wafers were served in the rathskeller, and frozen punch was offered upstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lambert announce the marriage of their daughter, Marie Dolores, to Joseph Luther Fletcher, Saturday, December 23, 1916, St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Greensboro. They will be at home after January 1st at Winston-Salem.

Miss Mary Beall gave a delightful dance Saturday night at the country club complimentary to Miss Percival Overfield, of New York. More than 100 young people were present.

Miss Elizabeth Freas, of the faculty of the State Normal College, spent the holidays as the guest of her uncle, Secretary of War Baker, and Mrs. Baker. She assisted in a reception given by Secretary and Mrs. Baker during the visit.

Miss Roberta Strudwick gave a dance at the country club Monday from 4 to 7 o'clock, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

The dance given at the country club last Wednesday evening was one of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season. More than 200 members and friends were in attendance. The club rooms were attractively decorated and delightful music was furnished.

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CHRISTMAS WEEK SOCIAL NEWS AND PERSONALS FROM WARSAW

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 29.—Mrs. John A. Ricks entertained about twenty young people, informally on Monday evening, in honor of her niece, Miss Josephine Harriss, of Wilmington. A delightful evening was spent at the close of which refreshments were served.

A delightful oyster roast was enjoyed by the young people of the town, the returned students and a few married couples at a local cafe on last Friday evening.

The school at Lane Field presented a very creditable play at the school house on last Friday evening. The roles were well given, and the actors performed their respective parts in a pleasing manner. The entertainment was well attended, and a nice sum realized for improving the school building.

Miss Jeannette Moore, of Burgaw, is the Christmas guest of Mrs. W. O. Singletary.

Miss Josephine Harriss, of Wilmington, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Ricks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gulley, of Clayton, spent the past week with Mrs. Gulley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wooten.

Mr. and Mrs. Word Marshburn, who were married in Clinton on Christmas Day, are at home at the residence of Mrs. George Steele. Mrs. Marshburn, before her marriage, was Miss Birdie Clifton, of Clinton.

Mr. James K. Hill, of South Carolina, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Bettie Hill.

Miss Gertrude Moore, of Edenton, is the Christmas guest of Miss Sallie Hill.

Miss Annie Garner, who has been teaching near Lumberton, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Garner.

Mr. Stanley Wall, who for the past few months has been engaged in buying tobacco at Winchester, Kentucky, is here to spend a short while with his family.

Mr. R. E. Garner has as his guest for a few days his brother, Mr. E. Garner, of Newport.

Mrs. Fannie Lucas, of Four Oaks, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Margaret Pierce, who has been spending the fall in Washington City, is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. B. Pierce.

Miss Leona Hammond, of the high school faculty, has gone to Burlington to visit friends over the holidays.

Miss Aldine Best, who has been teaching in Stokes; Miss Lenora Womack, who teaches near Blacksburg, and Miss Anna Lee Best, who teaches music at Rose Hill and Teacheys, are spending their Christmas vacations at their respective homes in the city.

Students from the different schools who are here for the Christmas holidays include: Misses Louise Anderson, Hulsa Best and Helen Fonveille, from Meredith College; Brookie Hines, from St. Mary's; Margaret Best, from Gunston Hall, Washington; Lou Mitchell Faison, from Flora Macdonald College; Theo Wooten, Peace Institute. Messrs. Dudley Hill, from Eastman College; H. L. Stevens and John Bright Hill, from Chapel Hill; Charles Carroll, Jr., from Trinity Park High School; Dewey Potts, from Bingham's; Walker Stevens, from the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and Cecil and G. S. Best, from Wake Forest College.

Miss Sadie Lloyd Smith, of the faculty of the Warsaw school, is visiting relatives at Rockingham. Miss Ruth Moore is with her family at Burgaw.

Miss Elizabeth Moore went to Wilmington Saturday to visit her brother, Dr. William Houston Moore.

Mr. John R. Barden has returned from a business trip through the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hazlett and little son, Roy Raeburn, of Petersburg, Va., spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hazlett.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Long, and son, Harry, who came to stay several days, were summoned away by a telegram, apprising them of the death of Mr. Long's aunt at Oak City.

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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE HOLIDAYS IN FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30.—One of the most brilliant affairs of the holiday season was the dance given at Donaldson Military School on the afternoon of Christmas Day by Col. John M. McFall in honor of his brother, Ensign Andrew C. McFall, U. S. N., of the dreadnaught Texas, and Cadet Norman McNeill, of West Point, both graduates of Donaldson, who spent their Christmas leave of absence here. The colors of the military and naval academies were entwined in the decorations. Holly and mistletoe, as suggestive of the Christmas season, were also used with bamboo. The Messrs. McFall and McNeill were assisted in receiving by Mrs. L. D. McNeill, of Ridgeway, S. C., mother of the former, who visited her sons during the holidays, and by Mrs. J. R. Underwood. Punch was served during the evening, Mrs. Underwood being at the punch bowl. At the close of the dancing egg nog and fruit cake were served. The following were Colonel McFall's guests: Misses Sallie Haigh Underwood, Sarah Tolar, Emma Pemberton, Katherine White, of Augusta, Ga.; Mary Starr Cook, Juanita Davis, Mamie Holt, Lucy London Anderson, Janie Underwood, Harriet Hardison, Lucile Culbreth, Emma Sheetz, Hester Cotton, Gray Bradshaw, of Greensboro; Marian Haigh, Marie Judge, Berta McCue, of Louisa, Va.; Katherina Renalds and Jean Pemberton; and Ensign McFall, Norman McNeill, Herbert Lutterloh, Jennings Pemberton, Lauchlin McNeill, Thomas M. Wooten, Charles G. Marsh, Joel Claus and William Rice, of Rockingham; John Huske, Noel Paton, Earl Stewart, Robert Tolar, Sol W. Cooper, Jr., Leslie Smith, Haskell Bowen, John Manning Huske, William Holt, Henry Cook, Caldwell Huske, E. J. Lilly, Jr., of Asheville; William Dodson, Walter Holt, Murchison Walker, Henry Campbell, John H. Cook.

An informal dance was given by Miss Mamie Holt Christmas evening at her home on Haymount. About two dozen guests were present and a delightful evening was spent. The house decorations were effectively suggestive of the happy Christmas season. Punch was served. Those present were: Misses Lucile Culbreth, Sallie Haigh Underwood, Katherin Renalds, Emma Pemberton, Mary Starr Cook, Juanita Davis, Gray Bradshaw, of Greensboro; Harriet Hardison, Berta McCue, of Louisa, Va.; Edna Jennings, Messrs. Andrew McFall, John M. McFall, Caldwell Huske, Earl Stewart, John Manning Huske, Norman McNeill, Haskell Bowen, Algernon Hubbard, Robert Tolar, Henry Cook, Charles W. Broadfoot, Murchison Walker, Sol Cooper, Edmund Lilly, of Asheville, and Charles Marsh.

Another much enjoyed holiday dance was given by the young men of the city in the ball room of the Marsh-MacKethan building Wednesday evening. Thirty-two couples were on the floor and the music was furnished by the Price and Bonelli minstrel orchestra. The dancers included a number of visiting young ladies and many young men home for the holidays. The chaperones were: Mrs. J. R. Tolar, Jr., Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. W. T. Bowen, Mrs. W. N. Williams, Mrs. S. A. Lambert, Mrs E. S. Cook, Mrs. Leroy Williford, Mrs. O. R. Wightman and Miss Fan Williams.

Miss Lelia McLeod was hostess to a half dozen friends at a charming dinner party on Christmas Day. Miss McLeod's guests were Miss Annie Watson, Miss Gladys De Jormie, Miss Burdette Joyner, and Alphonso Newton, of New Jersey, Sam Hancock, of Rockingham, and Archie Lawhorn.

Several Fayetteville young people were dinner guests of Lieut. Paul Holland Tuesday evening at his home in this county, the occasion being a dinner given by Lieutenant Holland in honor of Dr. Bolling, of Philadelphia, who is the former's house guest. Those from Fayetteville who enjoyed Lieutenant Holland's hospitality were Miss Marion Haigh, Miss Helen Slocomb, Miss Margaret Jennings, T. A. Lyon, David R. Tillinghast and Norwood Tillinghast.

Among the Fayetteville boys and girls who spetn the holidays at home from their schools were: Miss Harriet Hardison, of Converse College; Miss Juanita Davis, Miss Lucile Culbreth and Miss Kate Faison Sutherland, of Flora Macdonald College; Miss Sarah Tolar, of the Episcopal Institute, Chatham, Va.; Miss Janie Underwood, Miss Nita Highsmith and Miss Katherine Renalds, of Salem Academy; Miss Louise Highsmith, of Fassifern; Miss Jane Stanback, of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; Miss Hazel McNeill and Miss Helen McNeill, of St. Mary's; Robert Tolar, of Blair Academy, Blairstown, N. J.; Peter Tolar, of the University of Virginia; Norman McNeill, of the United States Military Academy; Herbert Lutterloh, of the University of North Carolina; George Byrd, of the University of North Carolina; J. R. Vann, Jr., DaCosta Highsmith and H. L. Cook, Jr., of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Jennings Pemberton, of the University of North Carolina; Thomas Wooten, of Randolph-Macon; Caldwell Huske, of the Annapolis Training School, and Algernon Hubbard of A. & M.

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MANY CHRISTMAS AFFAIRS IN SOCIAL CIRCLES OF ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 30.—A dance characterized by brilliance and charm, was that given by the Rockingham Cotillion club, at the Richmond Club, Monday night in honor of the college boys and girls, who are at home for the holidays. Dancing began at 9:30 and continued until 1.

Miss Kathryn McDonald entertained delightfully at bridge, on Thursday evening.

Mr. W. B. Cole entertained at a stag party on Christmas evening. The invited guests included Messrs.: H. S. Ledbetter, R. S. Cole, John Everette, S. W. Steele, J. M. Ledbetter, W. L. Steele, A. L. McDonald, G. P. Entwistle, John Porter, H. C. Rancke, L. S. Covington, W. L. Scales and Dr. Watt Cole, of Greensboro.

Miss Ernestine Nuttal left Tuesday morning for Wake Forest, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holding for the next week. Miss Nuttal will be the honoree of a dance and other socials while away.

Mrs. J. H. Hall has returned from Elizabeth City, where she has been spending some time with her daughters, Mrs. M. B. Sawyer and Mrs. William Brook.

Miss Nancy Fairley spent Christmas in Salisbury with her aunt, Miss Esdale Shaw, who is undergoing treatment at Stokes Sanitorium.

Misses Kate and Sheperd Leak and Messrs. Hardison and Robinson motored from Wadesboro on Monday and were the delightful guests of Miss Mary Cliff Bennet at a beautifully appointed dinner.

Mr. Eugene Payne has returned from Charlotte where he joined Mrs. Payne and little daughter, Mary Wriston, for Christmas. They were the guests of Mrs. Payne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brookenborough.

A beautiful affair of the holiday season was the party given by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ledbetter at their home on Washington street, Friday evening in honor of Miss Emma Grey Ledbetter, who is at home from Salem College. The beautiful home was artistically decorated with holly and cedar. The large living room and all were used for dancing. The invited guests included Misses Mary Entwistle, Elizabeth Cole, Octavia Scales, Laura Steele, Berta West, Sarah Lilly Dockery, Mary Reid Hobbs and Messrs. Henry Phillips, George Entwistle, Charles Hobbs, William Leak, Pickett Leak and Houston Everette.

Miss Bonnie Bostian, of Albemarle, is the attractive guest of Mrs. Bernard Garrett. Miss Bostian will also spend a few days with Miss Marie Covington before returning home.

A large number of the young people attended the Christmas dance in Bennettsville Tuesday night.

Mrs. H. C. Dockery and Miss Sarah Lily Dockery, accompanied by Messrs. Henry and William Dockery, spent Christmas day with Mrs. C. Waddill, of Cheraw, S. C.

One of the most charming parties of the holiday season was that given by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Garrett, Friday evening at their beautiful new home on Washington street in honor of Miss Bonnie Bostian and Miss Minnie Garrett. Receiving with Dr. and Mrs. Garrett were F. J. Garrett and Miss Hallie Covington. The hostess was handsome in white charmeuse with lace trimmings while next to her was Miss Bostian unusually pretty in pink tulle over satin. Miss Garrett wore an exquisite dress of orchid tulle trimmed with dainty french flowers. Mrs. F. J. Garrett was gowned in black net embroidered in blue beads while Miss Covington wore a beautiful green taffeta combined with tulle. The home was never more attractive than on this occasion when it was festive with holly and cedar and potted plants. Tables were arranged in the reception hall and drawing room where during the evening many interesting games of hearts were played, at the close of which a delightful ice course was served.

Miss Augusta Laxton, of Charlotte, arrived Tuesday and will be the delightful guest of Miss Jean Fairley. Before returning home Miss Laxton and Miss Fairley will visit Mrs. Jno. Shaw of Laurinburg.

Miss Jesse Steele entertained at a beautiful dinner party on Wednesday

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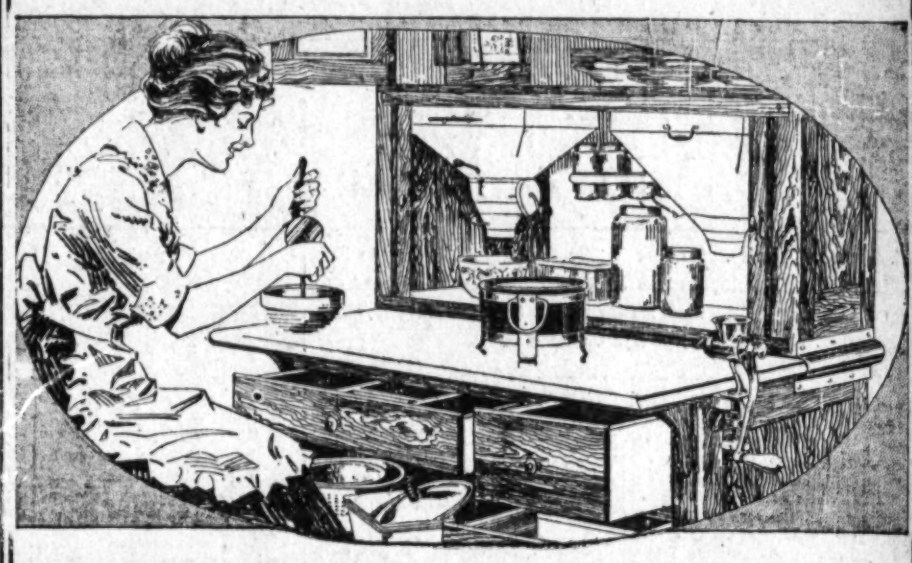

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BUILDING IN WILMINGTON AND SUBURBS DURING 1916 TOTALS MILLION DOLLARS

U. S. Customs House and Other Public Structures Aggregate Half Million—Big Development in Eastern Suburbs and Wrightsville Beach—Many New Residences at Carolina Heights, Carolina Place and Carolina Court.

The estimated cost of buildings started in Wilmington and its suburbs during the year 1916 was $1,155,000. Of this amount $235,000 is included for the cost of buildings outside of the city limits while for the cost of structures inside the city $400,000 is included for the handsome United States Customs House building which is now in process of construction.

According to figures compiled by Building Inspector Charles Schnibben, the total estimated cost of buildings begun in this city this year is $91,200. The largest number of residences in Wilmington have been erected at Carolina Heights, Carolina Place and Carolina Court while several handsome homes have gone up in Winoca Terrace. A conservative estimate places the cost of these residences at more than $100,000.

While fewer building permits were issued during the year than in many years, the total cost aggregates practically the same as for 1914 and is three times that for last year while it is nearly double that of 1913. In 1912 the cost of building started aggregated more than a million.

Improvements In Suburbs.

Building has been most active in the suburbs, showing an increasing tendency on the part of residents to live in the open air. Along the suburban line to Wrightsville Beach, the different developments have grown rapidly. Buildings have gone up at Oleander aggregating in cost $34,000 while the cost of homes erected at Audubon will total $35,000 and at Winter Park $30,000. Improvements to buildings and new homes at Wrightsville Beach aggregated $25,000, not including the $35,000 spent in building the handsome auditorium on Harbor Island. Sunset Park has grown steadily during the year and homes costing $51,000 were erected during the year.

A comparison of the building permits issued in the city with the records of former years shows that while the number of buildings is far below the usual average, the cost has aggregated considerably more. In other words the residences erected have been more expensive than formerly, thus showing the tendency to build better homes.

A comparison of the records for the past five years will be of interest. The records of Building Inspector Schnibben show the following figures:

Year	Permits No Of	Cost Estimated
1912	394	$1,004,250
1913	290	577,225
1914	270	620,050
1915	174	352,900
1916	125	918,200

Public Buildings.

The new customs house building must, of course, head the list when it comes to public buildings but this is by no means the only one. Wilmington has made an enviable record in the past five years in the way of new buildings of this character. Within that time there have been erected the handsome union station, the Y. M. C. A., the Murchison building and the Trust building not to include many other business and store buildings.

The handsome addition to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, which will be used for the treatment of women and children is nearing completion and will soon be ready for use. This annex cost $40,000 and has been erected by Dr. James Sprunt as a memorial to his daughter. It will add greatly to the usefulness of this institution.

Another beautiful building now in process of construction is the Church of the Covenant at 15th and Market streets, which is being erected by Messrs. James and W. H. Sprunt as a memorial to their mother. This structure when completed will represent an outlay of $75,000. It will be one of the prettiest churches in the State and will be a distinct addition to the architectural beauty of the city. An addition to Grace Methodist church, costing $20,000, which will be used as a Sunday School room, has just been completed and was built during the present year.

There have been a number of substantial business and industrial structures erected during the year. The Chadbourn Lumber Company have erected an additional plant in the Southern part of the city at a cost of $25,000. The Tidewater Power Company have built new car barns at Ninth and Orange streets at a cost of $15,000 to replace the barns which were burned about a year ago. The well known wholesale shoe firm of George R. French & Sons completed a new building on North Second street at a cost of $15,000, which is now occupied by them. The Union Seed & Fertilizer Company built a large warehouse in the northern part of the city at a cost of $20,000.

The new local branch of Swift & Co. on Nutt street was recently completed at a cost of 25,000 and is one of the most substantial business buildings in the city. Mr. J. Allan Taylor, built during the year an addition to his store for use as offices and warehouse costing $8,000. The Wilmington Marine Railway completed an addition at a cost of $5,000.

Winoca Terrace, the beautiful suburb being developed on the eastern side of the city by Messrs. J. G. Wright & Co., must not be overlooked in the building census of the closing year, for $54,000 were spent here during 1916 for the erection of modern and attractive homes. Eight new residences comprise the contribution that Winoca gave to Greater Wilmington, and the cost of each one ranged from $1,300 to $6,000.

Those who cast their fortunes at Winoca during the year 1916 were as follows: Messrs. A. S. Williams, W. C. Yarborough, W. B. Moore, J. B. McCabe, P. L. Gray, J. D. McCarley, D. H. Lee and J. B. Huntington.

Carolina Court and Carolina Place under the direction of L. W. Moore Real Estate Agency also added their quota to the city's development in way of new and modern homes. At Carolina Court, four handsome residences were erected at an approximate aggregate cost of $12,000. The owners are Messrs. J. B. Fox, L. V. Lacey, B. E. Adams and E. L. Potter.

Carolina Place doubled the number of new building on Carolina Court, eight being erected here at an approximate cost of $21,000. Those who constructed homes here during 1916 were: Messrs. J. L. Canady, Coy Hewitt, W. B. Daniels, John F. Klein, W. A. Fonvelle, G. S. Brown, A. L. Meyland and William Struthers.

The Eastern Suburbs.

Along the line of the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad between the Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, is rapidly springing up what bids fair within the space of a few years to be the nucleus of a greater Wilmington. Each of the numerous villages, Oleander, Audubon, Winter Park and Wrightsville have expanded during the past year until their borders are beginning to touch the extremities of their neighbors.

At Oleander, "The Suburb Beautiful," is springing up a model residential section that for appearance and up-to-dateness resembles some of the fashionable settlements in Florida or California. Paved streets and concrete sidewalks are being constructed that are in many respects superior to the thoroughfares in Wilmington.

Beautiful plazas dotted with palmettos, California palms, poplars, shrubs and evergreens are developing into scenes of bewildering beauty. Bungalows, modern and attractive in design, and with every convienence, such as water, sewerage, gas, electric lights, and telephones, have during the past year risen from what was formerly a barren stretch of waste land.

The new interurban station at Oleaner which is rapidly nearing completion will compare favorably with any interurban station in America, not even excepting those of the Pennsylvinia and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads. It is built of reenforced concrete, and covered with tiling. In the selection of the latter material an effort was made to secure a shade that would harmonize with the palm trees that surround the building, and the result is an almost perfect matching of colors. This building will cost when completed in the neighborhod of $3,000.

In addition to the handsome station, six attractive and modern residences have gone up during the past year at an average cost of a trifle over $5,000 each and aggregating approximately $31,000. They are the property of Messrs. Frank M. Ross, James H. Durham, Jr., F. M. Jolly, J. C. McKay, James H. Cowan, and W. B. Klander.

Big Boom at Audubon.

Perhaps the greatest building boom that struck the suburban towns during 1916 landed at Audubon, one mile east of Oleander, and a short distance west of Winter Park. Here, as in Oleander, all modern city conveniences are obtainable, and many people who work in Wilmington are erecting handsome and modern residences in this delightful community.

Practically every new building going up here during the past year follows the general bungalow style, and it is a safe assertion that no suburban district in the South has a more attractive collection of homes than Audubon.

The approximate cost of all new structures erected at Audubon in 1916 will amount to nearly $35,000. Messrs. C. D. O'Neill, Robert H. Kermon, Eugene C. Dixon, F. Lacy King, Lewis Williams, H. P. Walsh, L. C. Walsh, A. Nelms, J. E. Shannon, Weight McEwen and A. Schulken have erected surburban homes here during the year.

This is a settlement that offers an ideal opportunity for the salaried man to own his own home. The Tidewater Power Company sells the lots, and has its own architects draw the plans to suit the taste of the purchaser and then erects the building, and gives the purchaser 20 years in which to pay for it.

Winter Park, one of the oldest and largest of the surburban towns, has also made rapid strides in a building way during the year that has just closed. A new interurban station, two churches, Methodist and Presbyterian, and a modern school building have gone up at an approximate cost of near $30,000.

Harbor Island Auditorium.

At Harbor Island the master stroke in development work is represented in the splendid auditorium which was completed last summer at a cost of $35,000. This auditorium is one of the largest and most perfectly appointed in the South, and its acoustic properties are unexcelled. It will comfortably seat 2,000 people.

The seats are so arranged in tiers that a woman wearing the latest style bonnet will in no way obstruct the view of the person sitting behind her. Each succeeding row of seats is seven inches higher than the one in front of it. In addition the auditorium contains a level floor space that can be used for dancing, and offers an ideal spot for a private dance or reception.

There are several smaller assembly rooms that can be utilized for conferences and lectures, and will comfortably accomodate from 75 to 100 people. Any assembly, conference or meeting which desires to meet at Wrightsville are welcome to use these rooms. The Harbor Island Auditorium's only rivals at a seashore resort, are found at Atlantic City, and these are in no way its superior.

Both the Seashore and Oceanic Hotels, during the past year, made considerable improvements in their buildings at a cost of approximately from $15,000 to $20,000.

Practically $30,000 was expended during the year in laying a modern high pressure gas main from Wilmington to Wrightsville, a distance of 15 miles. Nearly $7,000 additional was used in the remodeling and completing of the new passenger station and sub power station at Wrightsville.

At Wrightsville Beach a number of new and attractive cottages were erected at varying costs aggregating approximately $10,000. Among those who erected cottages here last year were, Messrs. R. H. Northrop, J.V. Walker, and T. E. Brown.

Another important piece of constructive work completed in the surburban districts during the year was the drainage system of the first district of New Hanover County, near Winter Park, comprising an area of 1,600 acres.

Sunset Park Growing.

Sunset Park developed by James & James, probably leads all of the outlying sections of Greater Wilmington in the number of buildings, erected during the year, and the total money expended in improvements and construction work. No less than ten new residents are planning a community cost aggregating $51,000 and two others will shortly be erected at a cost of $10,000.

During the year this suburb has secured electric lights sewerage system, water, gas, and all other modern city conveniences. In addition the residents are planning a communoty club for the development of outdoor pleasures, nd pastimes and are thinking seriously of organiing a miniature yacht club. The gas pipe line which is being laid from city to the park is not yet fully completed but will be during the early part or the coming year.

Those who have placed their names on the "roll of honor" in Sunset Park by the erection of new homes during the year are Messrs. K. W. Price, T. L. Huggins, H. M. Owen, T. S. Lewis, L. H. LeGwin, J. H. LeGwin, D. M. Bain, C. S. Hopkins, Dr. J. B. Legwin and Mrs. J. C. Loder. To use the expression of one of the residents, Sunset Park is "some suburb."

The Delgado Mills, just east of the city, spent some $25,000 during 1916 in improving their equipment and in making additions to their equipment. The mills are now one of the most completely equipped in the State.

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WHY THE BOYS WENT THERE

Wilmington Man at Border, in Verse, Says it Was "For the Red, White and Blue."

One of the Wilmington boys on the border, a member of Company A, North Carolina Engineers, has sent The Star a contribution in the form of a composition in rhyme, which will prove interesting reading to the friends of the members of this city's contingent in Uncle Sam's force in Texas. The writer gets off his meter occasionally and his rhymes are not always perfect, but his "pome" has merit in that it is expressive of deep and commendable sentiment, and tells why the boys are on the border—"For the Red, White and Blue." It follows:

It was not for the pleasure of camping,
or for the wages paid,
That we will spend our Christmas in a
land of cactus, sand and sage.

It was not for the love of Texas, our
captain nor the Rio Grande
That we would leave Carolina and come
to this hellish land.

It was for our country and the old Red,
White and Blue
That we left Carolina border patrol
duty to do.

It is not for the sport or pleasure that
we carry our guns secure;
It is for Villa bandits—we have to
watch them, too.

It was not much pleasure to leave our
parents, old and gray,
But we all saw it was a necessity or
hell would be to play.

It was not much pleasure when our
sweethearts the story we had to
tell,
And, believe me, boys, that was a hard
one to tell.

It is not very pleasant the sand storms
here to face,
And there is not much pleasure in the
hikes we have to take,
But we will gladly do it for the Red,
White and Blue's sake.

And then it is pleasure when we stop
to think that we will soon greet
our friends
And kinsfolks in God's country where
it sometimes rains.

Army and Navy Y. M. C. A.,
Camp Stewart, December 21, 1916.

SOCIAL

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evening in honor of Miss Mary Cliff Bennett who is at home for the holidays. An elaborate six course dinner was served.

Miss Betsy Bailey, of Houston, Texas, is visiting Miss Sarah Lilly Dockery.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hobbs will learn with regret that they will make their home in Memphis after the first of the year.

Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons, Kathryn McDonald, Lucy Fowlkes, Sarah-Lily Dockery, Betsy Bailey, Lillian Long and Messrs. Mial McRae, June Diggs, Walter Parsons, Walter Scales, Hunter Fowlkes, William Leak, Walter Covington and William Dockery attended the Christmas dance at the Wanoka Country Club in Wadesboro Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gore left Wednesday morning for Danville, Va., They will be the guests of Mrs. Gore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer.

Mr. John William Gore is spending the holidays in Wilmington with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gore.

Mrs. Walter Parsons was called to Raleigh on account of the illness of her aunt, Miss Kate West.

Mr. John Armestead returned Wednesday night from Atlanta where he joined Mrs. Armestead for Christmas.

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WEEK IN ASHEVILLE FILLED WITH HOLIDAY SOCIAL EVENTS

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Holiday week has been filled with social happenings, dances, parties, receptions, tea dances and teas filling the week to the uttermost. The Langren, Grove Park Inn, Battery Park hotel and Margo Terrace all gave special Christmas dances, all of which were largely attended by the young people home from college, in addition to the regular sets of Asheville.

Misses Margaret and Mary Millender and Mr. Charles Millender entertained Monday afternoon with a tea dance at the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Millender, on Pearson Drive in honor of Miss Helen Field and Mr. Charles Burke, of Knoxville, Tenn. Christmas decorations were used, and dancing was from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock. About seventy-five members of the younger set attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Allport entertained with a family dinner party at their home in Grove Park Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Perry D. Cobb also entertained with a family dinner party at their home on Summitt street on the same day.

Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt entertained Monday night with an elaborate dinner and auction party at her home on Starnes avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rees were at home on Christmas day at their home on Biltmore road, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fritzjoff Rees, who are visiting them for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Memminger entertained at the Manor Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock with a delightful tea in honor of their daughter, Miss Christine Memminger. Mr. and Miss Memminger, who have been in New York, returned to Asheville and opened their home here for the holidays before leaving for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Miss Bertha Birkemeyer entertained with a nilo party at her home on Austin avenue Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Miriam Riscer, of Kankakee, Ill.

Mrs. A. J. Lyman entertained at luncheon Tuesday afternoon, among her guests being Mrs. Duff Merrick, who is spending some time in Asheville.

Mrs. John M. Griffin has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Le Esta Lowe, to Mr. Oscar Daniel Brown, of Weaverville, the ceremony taking place at Asheville on Christmas day. After an extended honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home at Weaverville.

Miss Edna Lynch and Mr. William Henry Jones were married Wednesday at High noon, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elmyra M. Lynch, at Fairview, Rev. J. N. Andre, of Walnut Bell institute, officiating. Both families are prominently connected in North Carolina and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left immediately for an extended honeymoon trip north and east and on their return will make their home for the present at South Hill, Va.

Miss Edna Merrill, of Fairview, and Mr. J. D. Gibbs, of Asheville, were married last Sunday at the home of Mr. Gibbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gibbs, in this city. Rev. N. B. Phillips, pastor of the Fairview Baptist church, officiated, using the full ring ceremony. An elaborate luncheon was served the wedding party and Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs left for an extended honeymoon trip, after which they will be at home at Asheville.

The dinner and keno party at the Asheville Country club Wednesday night was one of the most popular of the holiday parties. Over two hundred guests were present for the keno party and many dinner parties preceded the game. The Country club also gave a tea dance, with a special musical program, at the club house this afternoon.

Miss Annah Rankin entertained yesterday afternoon at her home on Orange street with an elaborate reception and tea in honor of Miss Mildred Courtney, who is spending the holidays with Miss Emily Bourne.

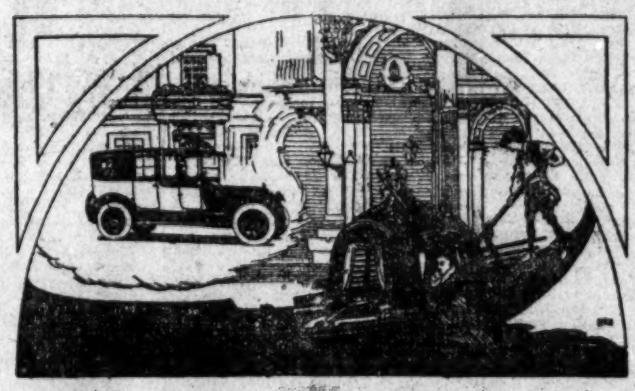
Miss Myra Crisp, of Sylva, and Mr. James R. Loftis, of Brevard, were quietly married Wednesday night at the home of Mr. Loftis's uncle, Mr. C. W. Whitmire, on Haywood street. Rev. J. C. Owen officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Loftis will make their home at Maryville, Tenn.

TO EXTEND BUSINESS.

Community Savings Company Offers Liberal Investment Plan.

In order to more effectively extend and develop its business, the Community Savings & Loan Company, of which Mr. A. M. Hall is president and Mr. W. G. James secretary-treasurer, has arranged to permit patrons to purchase its investment certificates in denominations of $50, which bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. These certificates may be purchased on the installment plan. The company has offices in the suite occupied by James & James in the Southern building.

The Stein Plan bankers, under which this loan company operates, enables the small borrower, it is stated, to escape the exactions of the loan shark when he wants money on short time loans. Officials of the company state that it will loan small amounts to borrowers of good character on three-name paper, that is, the borrower gets two other men besides himself who have the reputation of meeting their obligations, to sign the papers, on which a reasonable amount of interest is charged. Experience has shown that there are practically no losses under this system. Loans are made from $25 up to $200.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

Fifth Avenue Methodist church, South Fifth avenue, Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. There will be special Christmas music at the morning service. Sunday school at 9:45 in the morning. Epworth League Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public and strangers are cordially invited to attend all services.

Southside Baptist church, corner Fifth avenue and Wooster street, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor.—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. B. Y. P. U. at 4 in the afternoon. Midweek services Wednesday evening at 8. Public cordially invited to all services.

Calvary Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor.—Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Subjects: Morning, "The Glorious Gospel;" evening, "The Gospel Railroad." Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Teachers' meeting and senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. Chorus rehearsal Friday night. A cordial welcome to all services.

St. James' church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector, and Rev. G. F. Hill, assistant.—Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Evening prayer at 5. Peoples' service of praise and preaching at 7:30. Sermon: "The Justification and Obligation of Capital." All seats free. Come and bring a friend!

St. Matthew's English Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor.—Morning services at 11 by the pastor. Evening services at 7:30 by Student George Bowden, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. Sunday school in the morning at 11. Luther League at 8 Wednesday evening. Subject: "Miracles Recorded in the Acts of the Apostles." Regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society Thursday afternoon at 3:30. A cordial invitation to all services.

Christian church, Dock street, Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. Evening subject: "Where We Got Our Bible." Sunday school in the morning at 10. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8. All are cordially invited.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Ann street.—First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

Christian Science Society, church edifice Seventeenth and Market streets.—Services Sunday morning at 11. Subject: "Christian Science." Sunday school at 12:15. Wednesday evening service at 8:15. Reading room in the Murchison National Bank building, where all Christian Science literature may be read, open daily except Sundays and holidays from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend all services and to visit the reading room.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor.—Morning services at 11. Sermon topic: "The Purpose of the Ministry of Jesus." Evening service at 8. Subject of sermon: "Emotions That Stir the Christian Heart at the Change of the Years." Sunday school 3:30. Visitors are cordially invited to all services. All seats are free. The annual banquet of the Dorcas Society will take place Thursday afternoon at 4, after the business meeting at 3.

First Baptist church, Fifth avenue and Market street, Rev. J. J. Hurt, D. D. pastor.—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Preaching by the pastor at 11. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 in the evening. Special Watch Night services from 10 to 13 o'clock. Special music by a choir of sixteen trained voices. Singing of old songs by the congregation. Sermon on "Heaven" by the pastor. We would like to have you with us.

St. John's Episcopal church, Red Cross and Third streets, Rev. R. E. Girbbin, rector.—Sunday after Christmas day, December 31, 1916. Holy Communion at 7:30. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Sunday school at 4. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. At the Sunday school service the young people will bring their offering for the Thompson Orphanage. Cordial welcome to all.

Grace Methodist church, Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor—Services at 11 by the pastor. The evening service will be a special service in the interest of the unification of Methodism. Rev. J. C. Wooten, and the pastor will make short addresses. Sunday school at 9:45. All are welcome.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, Rev. W. R. Noe, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Sunday school at 3:30. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. Watch night service 11:30 P. M.

Church of the Ascension, Third and Marsteller streets—Sunday school at 9:30. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. A 15-minute song service will precede the evening service.

Constipation Makes You Tired, Nervous, Sick

A Wineglassful of Tollo Water Will Quickly Remove Poison From Your Stomach and Bowels and Make You Feel Fine in Half an Hour

No use being constipated, tired, nervous and sick—Tollo Water from Dawson Springs, Kentucky, is Nature's own system cleanser. Its action is quick and gentle yet it cleans the system and thirty feet of intestines more thoroughly than can be done by drugs and oils.

Don't allow the waste from your food to lie in your stomach and bowels to decay and poison your system, causing headache, bilious spells, bad breath, pimples, nervousness and indigestion, but get a 15-cent bottle of Tollo Water from the drug store and take a third of a tumblerful in a glass of plain water before breakfast. It will keep your bowels as regular as a clock and make you enjoy your meals as you did when you were a child and got plenty of exercise.

After you have taken it for a few days and thoroughly cleaned the system, an occasional wineglassful will keep your bowels regular and make you feel good all the time. Sold by D. A. Elvington and other druggists.

Topic for Sunday, December 31, 1916.

LESSONS TO LEARN FROM THE PAST

Eph. 5:15-21. (New Year's Meeting).

"We speak of a Merry Christmas,
And many a Happy New Year;
But each in his heart is thinking
Of those that are not here."
—LONGFELLOW.

The sternness of life faces us as we come to the last day of the year. It cannot but bring respect, and we cannot but look forward. Tomorrow is only forecasted by the results of yesterday. The New Year will be like the old in many respects. Looking backward has no value except as we learn its lessons and make the future better than the past. What are some obvious lessons?

Lessons for Personal Life.

That Satan knows my weakness and makes his most frequent attacks there.

That "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength" is my best help for temptation.

That the uncertainties of life make it necessary to pursue a course of preparedness.

That the departure of friends is but a sure sign of my own end.

Lessons for the Society.

That accomplishment is measured by vision.

That knowledge of the work is necessary for results.

That continuous service and frequent sacrifice are important elements in Christian Endeavor.

That every place in the programme of Christian Endeavor is a challenge.

Lessons for the Church.

That it pays to emphasize the true gospel in its simplicity.

That brotherly interest in the problems of mankind provides a good means of usefulness.

That an unquestioned position on every moral subject is a characteristic of every living church.

That co-operation with other churches gets results in reform movements, as well as in general church progress.

Lessons for the Nation.

That righteousness is the only standard for nations as for individuals.

That God's plan is for peace, not war.

That armaments make for war and not for peace.

That gluttony and greed will ultimately be rewarded by poverty and need.

Information.

January is the month to make our plans for Christian Endeavor week in Dixie. Every society should observe this week in whole or part. Use just as much of the week as you can.

Christian Endeavor will be 36 years old on February 2nd. Let's celebrate this birthday in a great way.

Send a two-cent stamp to the Dixie Endeavorer, 2631 Ensley avenue, Birmingham, Ala., for a leaflet giving full particulars and complete plans for the observance of this week.

The Intermediate Prayer Meeting.

The intermediate society of Christian Endeavor takes into account the whole boy and girl, and not merely parts of him. It seeks to develop the social, intellectual and spiritual sides of our boys' and girls' lives. Just as the monthly socials are planned to develop the social life; just so the weekly prayer meeting ought to be planned to develop the spiritual life.

Let us consider the purpose of the intermediate prayer meeting. Why do we have a prayer meeting upon Sunday night? The purpose is two-fold: First, to give aid to our boys and girls spiritual training through the devotional spirit; second, to lead our boys and girls in self expression. In planning our programmes, let us include nothing except those things which will lead to spiritual training and self-expression. However, we will never forget that our intermediates enjoy variety, good music, special decorations, etc. Plan something new; the following plans may be used in your society:

1. Debate meeting—A debate meeting is especially suggestive when you have a missionary topic; however, many of our topics would suggest subjects for debates.

2. A pause meeting is a meeting in which pauses are conspicuous by their absence. Have a time-keeper to keep record of the seconds in which one takes part.

3. A Jack O'Lantern meeting is a meeting when a large Jack O'Lantern is placed in front of the room. The face of the lantern will be a C. E. monagram in red and white.

4. A wire meeting, at which ten-word telegrams will be written to the pastor while he is on his vacation.

5. At the shower meeting each member will be asked to give at least five Bible verses. Songs about showers will be sung, such as "There Shall be Showers of Blessings."

6. A leaderless meeting—The programme is written on the blackboard and followed accordingly.

7. A chairless meeting—As each one takes part, he is given a chair and takes his seat.

8. A monogram meeting—The chairs are arranged to form the letters C. E.

9. A memory meeting—No books are used in this meeting. The Scripture lesson is committed to memory and the songs are sung from memory.

10. Post office meeting—The members write letters to the president on the topic. Two or three members may read the letters at the meeting.

11. Question box meeting—Have a question box in which the members will place their questions on the topic. The questions will be read and answered in the meeting.

ELECT HONORARY MEMBERS

Chamber of Commerce Gives Memberships to Public Officials.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee, of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, five honorary memberships were created in accordance with the new constitution and by-laws of the organization. These memberships are designated as follows: Commanding officer of S. S. Seminole, United States Coast Guard Service; U. S. engineer in charge of the Wilmington district; commandant at Fort Caswell, N. C.; surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service in charge of the local Marine Hospital and the farm demonstration agent of New Hanover county.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

In Wishing You a Happy New Year

We Want to Thank the Trading Public for Their Hearty Support They Have Given This Enterprise During the Past Year.

Our Cash Plan Has Been a Success; the People of Wilmington and Vicinity Have Realized the Power of Cash, and so Has the Management of This Store and all the Skill of This Firm Shall be Exerted to Give Still Greater Values During the New Year 1917. Wishing You all a Prosperous 1917, We Remain,

Yours for Service,
J. W. H. FUCHS' DEP'T STORE.

NEW YEAR BARGAINS

With the beginning of the New Year we have placed on our Bargain Counters some "real fat" Bargains in Silks, Serges and other useful materials, in order to start the New Year, beginning next Tuesday, with a whirl. Below we mention a few of the items, all good, staple merchandise, that you need every day.

27 inch Japonica Silk, all the leading shades; also Navy and Black; per yard **25c**

36-inch Taffeta will be sold this week in the following shades: Black, Blue, Purple, Green, Plum, at, per yard **$1.10**

40 inch Crepe de Chine; Grey, Green, Navy, Black and White; Special, this week; at **$1.10**

36 inch Silk Poplin, in all the leading shades, at **69c**

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK.

Yard wide Danish Poplar Cloth; Navy, Midnight Blue and Black; especially fine for Middy Suits and Dresses; per yard **29c**

Yard-wide Serge; heavy weight; colors: Navy, Black, Grey; this week Special **39c**

SHEETS and PILLOW CASINGS SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK

Sheets, 72 by 90; double bed size; at the old price, each . . 39c
Cases, to match, 36 by 42, for, each 9c

Sheets, full Double Bed size; no seam; worth 98 cents; this week, Special for 59c

Pillow Cases, to match; hemstitched or plain, each 12c

81 by 90 Pepperell Sheets; standard goods and standard size; worth fully $1.25 each; this week Special at 98c

New shipment of Dollar Waists; very pretty; can not be had elsewhere.

J. W. H. FUCHS' DEP'T STORE
28 SOUTH FRONT STREET

GOING TO TOWN WITH PA

I tell you what I liked to do
When I was 'bout as big as you,
Was go t' town with pa!
They ain't been nuthin' 'fore or sence,
Of nigh one half the consequence,
Nor half s' full of pure joy
As when my mother'd hoiler: "Boy,
It's brekfus time, nigh five o'clock—
'F y'll hurry up an' feed the stock.
Y' kin go t' town with pa."

Beyond the ridge the white road bent—
The furthest then I'd ever went!
An' then went leadin' down
Past Jackson's Crick an' Possum Gap,
Through woods so dark I hung t' pap,
An' ever' step showed more an' more
The world I'd never knowed before;
Past fields o' wavin' wheat an' flax
An' then across the railroad tracks,
An' then—t' Burgettstown!

Ah, Burgettstown; Me-trop-o-les
Of all my youthful dreams, I guess,
Nun half so great oud be!
The biggest millwheel ever wrought
Was turned to grind the grist we brought!
The biggest things the world aroun'
I saw right thare in Burgettstown—
No buildin's half so big and tall!
It seemed that there was nuthin' small—
Exceptin' pa an' me!
The sun'd be edgin' to'rds the West
When pa'd allow: "Well, bud, you best
Climb up here with yer pa."
An' out from 'neath the seat 'ud cum
The snack that pa had brought from hum—
Sum hard-b'iled egg, an' ginger snaps
Was allus fa-vor-ites o' pap's—
An' I eat, too, till I cudn't see,
An' be plum glad, as glad cud be,
T' git back hum t' ma!
—JOHN D. WELLS, in Woman's World for January.

COLORED BOY INJURED.

Collar Bone Broken When Car Turned Turtle Near Sunset Park.

Nathaniel Brown, colored, sustained a broken collar bone and other injuries when an automobile in which he was riding turned turtle on the Carolina Beach road, near Sunset Park, shortly after 6 o'clock Friday afternoon. He was hurried to the James Walker Memorial hospital, where his injuries were dressed.

The car was driven by Mr. Adolph G. Ahrens, and Mrs. Ahrens, their daughter, and three colored men were riding as passengers at the time of the accident. The Brown boy was riding on the running board, and suffered far more than did any of the other occupants of the car, who suffered only a jar. The accident is attributed to the slippery condition of the road.

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE

Atlantic Coast Line in Connection With Southern Railway Will Operate Through Sleepers to Raleigh.

Marking the inauguration of through sleeping car service between Wilmington and Raleigh, the Atlantic Coast Line, commencing Wednesday, January 3rd, and continuing for a period of about 50 days, will operate through Pullmans from Wilmington to Raleigh via Goldsboro in connection with the Southern Railway on a daily schedule with the exception of Sundays.

The foregoing announcement of an improved train service to Raleigh during the approaching session of the State Legislature will no doubt be received with much pleasure by the traveling public generally. The new service was announced yesterday by Mr. W. J. Craig, passenger traffic manager, and Mr. T. C. White, general passenger agent of the Coast Line.

These cars will be carried on train No. 90 leaving Wilmington at 3:40 A. M. and arriving at Raleigh on Southern Railway train No. 21, at 8:52 A. M. Returning the cars will leave Raleigh on Southern Railway train No. 22 at 7:25 P. M., and reach Wilmington at 1:15 A. M. on No. 91.

Northbound cars will be open for occupancy in Wilmington after 10 P. M. and southbound cars may be occupied until 7 A. M. Commencing Monday, January 8th, No. 90 will leave Wilmington at 3:30 A. M. instead of 3:40 A. M., and arrive Goldsboro at 6:25 A. M. instead of 6:30 A. M., as at present.

Dies as Result of Injuries.

The Atlanta Georgian of recent date carries the announcement of the death of Mrs. W. S. Shannon, of Tulsa, Okla., as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Mrs. Shannon was known in Wilmington, having been a frequent visitor to the home of her sister, Mrs. Norah G. Webb, when the latter resided here.

Rev. Andrew J. Howell will conduct services at Bethany Presbyterian church on the Castle Haynes road this evening at 7:30. There will also be a watch night service at 10:30, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society.

BEGINS PASTORATE AT FIFTH AVENUE TODAY

Rev. J. H. McCracken, who begins his pastorate of Fifth Avenue Methodist church in Wilmington today, has just completed his full four years as pastor of one of the leading Methodist churches in Raleigh. He and his family arrived in the city the past week and have received a most cordial welcome not only from the members of Fifth Avenue but of other denominations. In its editorial columns, the Raleigh News and Observer speaking of the removal of Mr. McCracken, said:

"Dr. McCracken, of Central church, has served his full four years in Raleigh and his membership would gladly have kept him, for his has been a ministry of helpfulness that was far-reaching going well beyond denomination lines. The genial greeting of Mr. McCracken and his cordial attitude of fellowship will always be pleasant memories to his friends here and those who observe his work can also testify to the substantial, constructive advances which his church made under his leadership. Good wishes of a wide circle will follow him to his new field at Wilmington."

Cars to the Beach.

every half hour today and tomorrow; 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

(advertisement.)

BROTHERHOOD CHAIRMEN HERE.

Conferred With General Manager Albright of A. C. L. Yesterday.

Vice President E. P. Curtis, of the Order of Railway Conductors, met with the chairmen of the adjusting committees of the orders of Engineers, Conductors and Trainmen yesterday morning. The delegation later conferred with General Manager P. R. Albright, of the Atlantic Coast Line.

It is understood that the matter which was discussed yesterday morning had nothing to do with the eight-hour law, but was merely routine business that had been left unfinished. The conference between Mr. Albright and the brotherhood representatives was begun some time ago, but was brought to an abrupt close on account of the sudden calling of Mr. Albright to New York on business.

Among the chairmen of the adjustment committees that attended the conference yesterday were S. J. Brooks, Richmond, Va.; R. H. Lanter, Savannah, Ga.; F. D. Howard, Wayeross, Ga.; D. M. Larisey, Charleston, and Warren L. Jones, of this city.

PUCLIC AUCTION HOUSE.

Mr. Frank Peiffer Will Conduct Business at Second and Market.

Wilmington is to have a new enterprise with the beginning of the New Year. This will be a public auction house which will be conducted in the old McIlhenny building at Second and Market streets, by Mr. Frank W. Peiffer, who is an experienced auctioneer. Mr. Peiffer states that he will have auction days on which he will sell all kinds of merchandise at public auction. He will operate this on a commission basis, similar to the auctions held in the larger cities.

Our best Wishes for 1917

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We Wish You A Very Happy & Prosperous New Year

PLAN MARKET TO LOWER COST OF FARM PRODUCTS

Effort to Bring Producer and Consumer Nearer Together.

Attendance at Metropolitan Museum of Art—Cure of Birds Urged—Wife Gets Refused Legacy—Gossip From Gotham.

New York, Dec. 30.—A logical attempt to deal with the matter of the excessive price for market products has been begun by New York along the lines that recognize the high cost of living not as a theory, but as a condition that must be met in all its various phases. Correctly or not, the middle man, and it is said that his name is Legion, is largely held responsible for the figures now prevailing for commodities.

Those who spend their lives dealing with statistics say that crop conditions and demand are not such as to justify the high prices placed upon the simpler features of the daily fare of the great mass of the people, and this assertion is allowed to go practically uncontradicted. The middle man is left alone as an object for scorn and the center at which fists are being shaken. Simple would the solution then appear to be if the producer and the consumer could habitually rub elbows in the market places. This means to be inferentially borne out by the fact that there are few such places for them to meet in. If one, or rather many, marts could be created there might be more potatoes and onions and lettuce contained in a dollar bill.

Some one has thought of a tsirp of land that was once the bottom of a creek that marked the northern boundary of the city. It has been drained, and would be an excellent place for the converging of market wagons. It is near the railroad and could easily be made a sidling for freight cars. With the use of light, fast and cheap automobiles, it could easily be brought within reasonable distance of the small dealers who deal directly with the consumer. Above it is a truck farm district. If then a market could be established here, a desirable beginning of the doing away with much of the alleged middle man evil would be affected. The plan is still in embryonic form, but it is noteworthy as it is one of the first real attempts to deal with the high cost of commodities in a practical way. Lack of adequate market facilities and the habits of the people in dealing through a myriad of intermediary men is likely to be at the bottom of our trouble regarding expensive living, and here we have the appearance of at least some measure of relief that is likely to be eagerly grasped at.

One of the few lecturers on fine arts who are permanently attached to the local colleges, has taken occasion to state recently, rather peevishly, that the "movies" are injuring the attendance at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He cites the fact that on a recent Monday night, which is the only evening of the week when the greatest art institution in America is open to the public, about three hundred persons were present. He correctly observed that at the same time thousands and thousands were at the "movies." The superficial conclusion is unfair. The museum is distinctly inaccessible at night; the time does not appeal to the average person as one at which to view pictures and objects of art, and at the moment there is nothing of great importance that is new at the museum to focus public attention. As a matter of fact the Metropolitan Museum of Art is improving in attendance from year to year. It is one of the most "popular" museums in the world. But the real reason why the attendance is not ten times greater than it is lays in the fact that it is always present with us. Millions appreciate it, and want to enjoy its treasures, but there is no sufficient reason in their minds why they should go to it just at this moment, and the result is that very many delay, and some never go at all. If what was there was to be taken away at any special time there would be a rush to view it before it was too late. Even averred art lovers spend so much time at temporary exhibitions that they neglect to a great extent the wonderful collection at the Metropolitan. It is only as men and women come to regard a knowledge and love of the best in art as something essential to a well rounded education, that the great museum will have its halls comfortably filled at all periods when it is open.

The latest argument for marital relief that has interested the New York courts originated with a woman who is suing for separation from her spouse, and brings forward evidence acquired by her sense of smell. She declares that her husband on specified occasions gained on the shoulder of his coat the odor of a certain floral extract that was not contained in any of the bottles on her dressing table, and that at times his cheek harbored the faint trace of a particular scent that it received neither from the caress of her finger tips nor the touch of her lips. Pending the time when her sensitive nostrils will enable her to learn more about the user of the perfume that her husband inadvertently brought home, she asks of the court substantial alimony and counsel fees.

Back in one of the courts of the Louises there was said to be men who who could tell to which woman in a hundred a lost handkerchief belonged by the scent it possssed, but not in modern temples of justice have we known of momentous decisions hanging ing on carelessly home borne traces of perfume. In some instances, of course, husbands have been condemned by their wives' nostrils, but in these cases the odor has been confined to their lips, and was not acquired through dainty associations. When this new case comes up for a hearing, if it can be called a hearing, it is likely to bring out an unusual line of expert testimony, and its verdict will be wafted on what might be regarded as intangible evidence. The jury is to be commiserated with, and if a decision is arrived at many may regard the precedent established as distinctly dangerous.

The thing that New York knows least about is the taking care of its birds. Most people in the city would say in an off-hand sort of way that the reason for this is that there are none. But such is not the case. In the region included in the municipal limits there are hosts of winged creatures, and according to the Department of Agriculture they only need a little coaxing to be made permanent and pleasant guests. As they fulfill a definite purpose and should be attractive, especially to children, some simple plans have been made to encourage people to get the birds to stay at fixed points. At the expense of only the smallest sum, and the least bit of labor, almost everyone of the scattered trees in parks and highways and yards could be made nests of some pretty creatures, and things perhaps a bit sweeter all around. The agricultural people are trying to coax bird fancying along because it may save a million dollars more or less of the people's funds that might have to be laid out any summer if the number of worms on the trees become out of proportion to the quantity of birds on hand to eat them. It is insisted that the usual bird is most susceptible to kindness, and only a little evidence of welcome is necessary to cause them to stay about a given point permanently.

The Surrogate Court in New York had the unique experience recently of being informed that a man had refused a bequest of one hundred thousand dollars. The astonishment that this caused quickly changed, however, to other feelings, the nature of which we cannot describe at the moment, when it was learned that the man's refusal caused the bequest to become part o fthe residuary estate, and the heir to this was the wife of the man who did the refusing. It would appear to most people that the simpler procedure would have been for the man to have accepted the legacy and then to have given it to his wife. One of the advantages of this course would have been that the ultimate disposition of the money would not have been made public. As it is some persons are bound to be trying to think out this question; Did the man to whom the bequest was left refuse it of his own free will, without being subjected to undue influence or over-severe persuasion, or veiled threats, or the effects of pouting, or the force of tears—that is what some will want to know, even if they are afraid to ask.

WHAT YOU READ ABOUT IN THE STAR DURING THE OLD YEAR

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES INTERFERE BUT LITTLE

With Industrial Activities Through Southern States.

About the Usual Number and Variety of Developmental Enterprises Announced During the Past Week—Important Ones.

Holiday festivities of the past week interfered but little with industrial activities throughout the Southern states, about the usual number and variety of developmental enterprises having been announced. In the Manufacturers Record appear numerous reports stating the essential facts regarding the week's announcements, and they include plans requiring the investment of capital for practically every phase of industry in the utilization of the South's many great resources.

Among the many is the Consolidated Mineral Co., of Northeast, Md., which has been chartered with a capitalization of $2,000,000 and intends to develop mineral properties, principally clay deposits. Another is the Arundel Shipbuilding Co., of Baltimore, which will organize with $1,000,000 capital to largely augment the facilities of an established plant where wooden vessels are repaired and constructed. Shipbuilding activity is also seen at Tampa, Fla., where the Tampa Shipbuilding & Engineering Co., has been incorporated with $800,000 capital to acquire an established plant. This plant will be enlarged and increased so that its facilities will provide for constructing steel steamships. Terminal facilities at Baltimore will be improved next year upon the completion of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad's new pier on the waterfront, a $450,000 contract for the superstructure having been awarded. The substructure is rapidly progressing. Cotton milling is represented this week by the Mays Mills, Mayworth, N. C., announcing plans for an additional cotton factory, the cost to be probably $300,000. This addition will be equipped with 25,000 spindles and accompanying machinery At Mobile, the Louisville & Nashville railway will invest $200,000 for terminal improvements to include constructing a wharf, installing electric power driven banana conveyors, dredging the channel, installing a coal hoist, etc. At Birmingham the Imperial Coal & Coke Co. decided upon a $200,000 investment for opening and equipping an additional mine, the daily capacity to be 1,000 tons of coal. In Arkansas the Crittenden County Drainage District No. 3, offices at Marion, awarded contract for the construction of a $180,000 drainage system which will reclaim 40,000 acres of land.

Included in the various other announcements in the Manufacturers Record are details regarding the following enterprises:

Florida Asphalt Block Paving Co., Tampa, Fla., incorporated with $200,000 capital for undertaking paving contracts.

Carolina Mining Co., McCormick, S. C., incorporated with $200,000 capital to develop gold mines.

Thompson Plaster Co., Leesburg, Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital for manufacturing plaster.

Leckie Coal Co., Norfolk, Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital for developing coal land.

National Veneer Co., Richmond, Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital for manufacturing veneer.

Ajax Clay Works, Macon, Ga., incorporated with $100,000 capital to manufacture silo blocks, sewer blocks and fire-brick.

Stegall Water Elevator Co., Concord, N. C., incorporated with $100,000 capital to manufacture elevators driven by water power.

Wetzel Oil Co., New Martinsville, W. Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital by New York and Brooklyn capitalists, who plan to develop oil properties.

Pyramid Refining Co., Oklahoma City, incorporated with $100,000 capital to refine crude petroleum.

Gum Panel Co., New Bern, N. C., chartered with $75,000 capital to manufacture panels.

Aronhime Packing Co., Bristol, Va., incorporated with $50,000 capital to kill and pack meat.

Stewart Manufacturing Co., Oklahoma City, incorporated with $50,000 capital for manufacturing purposes.

Brunswick Marine Construction Corporation, Brunswick, Ga., accepted plans and specifications for drydock for vessels up to 5,000 tons.

THE CLAN MacQUEEN OF ROBESON COUNTY

(Raleigh State Journal).

The MacQueen Clan of Robeson county has issued a book, giving a history of the descendants of Colonel James MacQueen.

It is very attractively bound in the tartan of the clan, in which the colors red and black predominate. This history was com piled by Mrs. A. B. McElyea, of Robeson county, and she has generously recorded only the virtues of the members of the clan. Indeed, if all personal records were written in her spirit of love, Mark Antony could never have said, even in irony, "The evil that men do live after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." Of her own virtues, the author is modestly silent, but to her many friends "she is the noblest MacQueen of them all."

Other clans would do a service to coming generations by compiling their family records in like permanent form.

Colonel James MacQueen came to America from the Isle of Skye in 1772. His mother was a half sister to the Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald. The endowment of a James MacQueen Chair at Flora Macdonald College would be a beautiful tribute from the famous MacQueen Clan to this noted ancestor.

Colonel MacQueen was a member of the Legislature of North Carolina in 1794, 1802 and 1803. He died in 1824. The following incident, connected with his death, is told by his grand daughter, Mrs. Frederick Beall, of Washington, D. C.:

"A young Macdonald, in Scotland, was in love with a beautiful Scotch lassie who had some property and whose father refused his consent to the marriage until the young man should accumulate on amount of money equal to the little legacy bequeather to the girl. Colonel MacQueen heard of it, wrote for Macdonald to come to this country with his bagpipes and he would insure the sum required by the girl's father would be carried back with him. In the meantime, Colonel MacQueen arranged regular relays of Scotchmen from New York to North Carolina, at principal points along the route traveled at that day. The young man arrived with his pipes and his success was tremendous at every town, where faithful Scotchmen had perfected arrangements for him; but when he reached Moore county, N. C., where a branch of the MacQueens resided, our noble grandfather had been stricken with apoplexy and his sons hoping for recovery, prepared in turn, relays of horses, first every ten miles, then five, hurrying the piper to Queensdale. When he arrived at the gate, Edmund, Colonel MacQueen's son, warned him not to sound his pipes, as his blessed friend was then in the throes of death. Macdonald asked, "Is there still life?" and when answered in the affirmative, he asked for the location in the house of the deathbed and proceeding to the window, played as softly as possible the then national air of Scotland, "Scots Wha Hae Wi' Wallick Bled."

"My mother said she was mopping the death damp from his brow at that moment and when the sound of the bagpipe penetrated the ears so rapidly deafening to all earthly sounds, his eyes opened and a seraphic smile overspread his splendid face as he passed on to glory. She often said that the most beautiful scene she had ever witnessed on earth was the soul of her father being escorted into heaven by the national air of his beloved Scotland."

Officers of the Clan MacQueen.

Chief, J. William MacQueen, Birmingham, Ala.; past chief, H. C. MacQueen, Wilmington, N. C.

Chieftains.

Edmund MacQueen, Sr., Dunbar, S. C.; John MacSween, Timmonsville, S. C.; Patrick McEachin, Birmingham, Ala.; Martin MacKinnon, Red Springs, N. C.; Rev. A. R. MacQueen, Dunn, N. C.; Chaplain, Rev. Stewart MacQueen, Montgomery, Ala.; treasurer, L. B. Martin, Maxton, N. C.; recording secretary, J. P. Wiggins, Maxton, N. C.; enrolling secretaries, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Maxton, N. C., and Miss Katie MacLean, Laurinburg, N. C.; historian, Mrs. A. B. MacElyea, Maxton, N. C.; poet, Mrs. Chattie MacEachin Beall, Washington, D. C.

Several members of the Clan MacQueen are members of the Scottish Society of America, among them being Rev. William Black, of Charlotte; Mr. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton; Mr. E. L. Moore, of Dillon, S. C.; and Mr. John R. MacQueen, of Pinehurst, N. C. In our January edition, we shall publish the list of members of the Society.

THANKS FOR Y. M. C. A.

Warm Letter of Commendation Received From a Massachusetts Major.

(Border Work.)

Major Fred E. Jones, of the Medical Corps of the Massachusetts Militia, has written from Boston to one of the secretaries who was with the Massachusetts troops at El Paso, commending warmly the work of the Army Young Men's Christian Association and its secretaries. Major Jones' letter follows:

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
"Board of Medical Officers, N. V. M.,
"Office of the Surgeon General.
"Boston, November 30, 1916.

"From Major Fred. E. Jones,
to Howard M. Mosher,
"Subject: Commendation.

"1. Thanksgiving Day brings to my mind one duty that is a pleasure to perform. Stimulated by the remembrance of the great good you were doing at Camp Cotton, I give thanks for the existence of your organization and yourself. May you live long and happily.

"2. As surgeon of the Fifth Massachusetts Infantry and later as commanding officer of the camp hospital at Camp Cotton, I was benefited by your efforts and it is a well deserved commendation that I offer you for the many details of comfort, entertainment and assistance in leading an upright life that you have so ably furnished to us all.

"How many nights have I seen your shack filled to overflowing. The men were writing letters to their homes, or were singing good, clean songs, or were just talking, while the road to El Paso was only two miles long and plenty of other entertainment abounded in and about the camp.

"The sun glasses, the comfort bags, the housewives, the library, the base ball outfit, and the other things that you furnished the hospital, all gave the kind of help that a fellow wanted when he was convalescent enough to take notice, and you may be sure that he appreciated them.

"I can see you now, in the earlier days, toiling away in the heat and dust from dawn till midnight, and I trust that this note will be a slight recompense for your faithfulness.

(Signed) "FRED E. JONES,
"Major, Medical Corps."

$120,000 BET ON WAR END OCT. 1

Losers Insured Their Chances and Are Only Out $12,000.

(Amsterdam Dispatch).

Whether the war would end before October, 1916, was the subject of a $120,000 bet recently liquidated at Amsterdam. The members of the respective groups concerned were principally stock exchange and commercial men and the bet was entered into last year.

Both parties had insured their chances of losing on policies for which 10 per cent. premier was paid, and the risk of such policies was distributed over various companies.

The winners of the bet had $108,000 to distribute and the losers had to pay $12,000. The main loss fell upon the insurance combination.

CAN'T DENY IT

If This Had Happened Elsewhere Instead of Wilmington You Might Doubt It.

The average man is a doubter. This is not surprising — the public have been humbugged so frequently they are skeptical. Proof like the following will stand investigation. It cannot be disputed.

C. E. Wood, policeman, 514 N. Third St., Wilmington, says: "I used to be troubled a good deal by my kidneys, but not since using Doan's Kidney Pills. My kidney action is regular now and my health is perfectly sound. I used to be nervous and restless and couldn't sleep well, but now my nerves are all right and I can sleep good. Whenever my kidneys cause me a little trouble, I take Doan's Kidney Pills and a few doses never fails to do the work."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Wood uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

LUMBERTON CHRISTMAS TRADE BREAKS RECORD

All the Cotton Mills Advance Wages of Employees.

Tomorrow is "Big Monday"—Mr. Aman Branch Dead—Whiskey Still Destroyed—Eggs Scarce—Lyceum Attraction Thursday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 30.—Regardless of the inclement weather which has prevailed, Christmas week has been nice and pleasant in this section. Good order has prevailed and most people have been wearing faces which indicates that they were satisfied with their surroundings. The merchants who prepared for Christmas trade were pleased beyond all expectations.

Mr. A. Weinstein stated that he had been in Lumberton for 20 years, and that he did the best business last Saturday that he had done in any one day since he came to this place. Mr. R. D. Caldwell stated that his firm broke all records for Christmas business. Messrs. White and Gough made no preparation, but did a good average business. The Lumberton Bargain House came very near closing out their holiday stock. Mr. L. H. Caldwell reports a fine business—much better than he had expected. In fact,

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The Lumberton Correspondent of The Morning Star.

trade was good with every firm in town so far as we can learn.

Up to this writing we have heard of no serious trouble anywhere in the county, only an occasional scrap of small consequence occurring.

All the cotton mills managements of Lumberton have recently given their employees an advance in wages, which has caused much happiness among them, and was a time for rejoicing. The increase has not been general, as while one portion have been receiving satisfactory wages, the companies felt that it might be the right thing to raise those receiving smaller wages, making the wage scale more equal in proportion to service. As is the usual custom, the employes of the different mills received from their respective companies their christmas baskets as a token of appreciation of good service.

Tomorrow "Big Monday."

Monday being the first day of the month and the first day of the year, all the county boards will be in session and it is expected that a large crowd will be in town. On that day many farmers come in to arrange for their supply of fertilizers, etc., during the year, exchange greetings, etc.

We were delighted to meet Dr. R. C. Ellis, of Shelby, who spent the week here with relatives. In their younger days, Dr. Ellis and the Star man were good friends, but had not met for 25 years. He is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellis, who resided here many years ago. Dr. Ellis is 60 years old, and while his hair shows signs of advancing age, he is the same old boy in his ways.

We are at liberty to tell it without mentioning names, that on January 3rd at 9:15 by the clock, a Lumberton girl will become the bride of a young man of another town in another county in the State. Immediately after the marriage, which will be a quiet affair, the bride and groom will leave for Wilmington on their honeymoon tour.

Mr. Aman Branch, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Wisharts township, died at the home of his son, Mr. Juddie Branch, near Lennon's Cross Roads, in Columbus county, Tuesday night, aged 74 years. Death followed a stroke of paralysis, with which Mr. Branch was stricken a week before his death. Mr. Branch was born in Wisharts township, where he spent his entire life, and was always regarded as one of its best, most substantial citizens. He was a veteran of the War Between the States.

Whiskey Mill Destroyed.

Sheriff Lewis, accompanied by Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman Phillips, went out ni Howellsville township Sunday morning—Christmas eve—and destroyed a whiskey mill. The sheriff received a phone message about 1 o'clock ,telling him where to go. It was easy to locate, being only a half-mile from the public road. It was a sure-enough copper still of 40 gallons capacity. Nobody was at home, and after destroying 400 gallons of beer, the officers returned home, accompanied by the still.

The "Paddy's Hollow" attraction, mention of which was made in last Sunday's paper, after much talk about suing the Star correspondent, Mayor White, and the whole town at large, blew away towards South Carolina, after having been in business here for two days. The promoter of that attraction has nerve to attempt to impose on any community with his bunch of beauties.

Lyceum Attraction.

Another lyceum attraction will be offered at the opera house next Thursday night, when Dr. Lucian Edgar Fallansbee will deliver a lecture. These attractions are being put on here this season under the auspices of the Lumberton Civic Association, of which Mrs. R. D. Caldwell is president.

Messrs. L. R. Stephens and Mr. Lewis Shelby returned Thursday evening from Baltimore, where they attended the marriage on Wednesday of Mr. Lloyd W. McMillan, of Lumberton, and Miss Mary Jane Schaefer, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan are expected to arrive tomorrow.

Old booze came in very slowly before Christmas, but since that day it has been coming in almost countless quarts. Many became disgusted and declared that they would not order any more—"send it back, don't want it"—they would say, and now it really looks as though some of them meant what they said, as packages are stacked and piled.

Eggs continue scarce with the price holding on at 35 cents per dozen, though we saw a few dozen selling last Saturday at three dozen for $1.00. The prevailing price for butter is around 50 cents the pound. There are large numbers of people in this section who care nothing for butter and eggs, and the prices give them no concern.

Mrs. Phillips Dead.

Mrs. William Phillips, aged 83 years, died at the family home in Wishart's township Thursday and was buried at the family burying ground two miles east of here yesterday at 12 o'clock. She is survived by her aged husband and several children. Truly a good woman gone to her reward.

The year 1916 closed with all county and town affairs in good shape so far as we know. The county officers would be hard to improve on for efficiency and cleverness. Lumberton never had a more efficient mayor, chief of police, town clerk and treasurer, night police and chief of fire department, than now.

With the close of the old year we wish all friends of The Star and its Lumberton correspondent a happy and prosperous New Year. May all of us be good and "do as we would be done by" during the year 1917.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning Register of Deeds Floyd had sold during the month of December 67 marriage licenses, regardless of bad weather or anything else.

During the past week the picture shows have had their full share of troubles, caused by failing to receive pictures on time as a result of no railroad connections.

As is well known by patrons of the Pastime theatre, the firstc hapter of "Pearl of the Army" did not arrive on Christmas Day until late in the afternoon, coming from Hamlet by way of auto, and many failed to see the beginning of the greatest Pearl White picture yet produced. Arrangements have been made by which the first and second chapters will be run on New Year's Day. Those who saw the first chapter will not object to seeing it again and those who did not see it will have the opportunity of seeing the first two chapters of the series and the "Girl From Frisco" Monday. For Tuesday and Wednesday something out of the ordinary is promised.

Mr. J. C. Bell, sales manager for Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son, made arrangements today with the Pastime theatre and the Pope Drug Co., by which on next Friday afternoon the members of the firm and all employes in the big department store and 150 boys entered for prizes will be entertained at the theatre and drug store mentioned.

Mr. Bell is one of the livest wires that ever hit Lumberton and in a short time has become very popular. W.S.W.

Cars to the Beach.

every half hour today and tomorrow; 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

(advertisement.)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CHARLES T. RUSSELL

(Contributed to The Star and Published by Request).

Charles Taze Russell, known the world over as Pastor Russell, author, lecturer and minister of the Gospel, was born at Pittsburg, Pa., February 16, 1852; died October 31, 1916. He was the son of Joseph L. and Eliza Birney Russell, both of Scotch-Irish lineage. He was educated in the common schools and under private tutors. Author of "Object and Manner of Our Lord's Return," "Food For Thinking Christians," "Tabernacle Shadows," "The Divine Plan of the Ages," "The Time is at Hand," "Thy Kingdom Come," "The Battle of Armageddon," "The Atonement," "The New Creation," "What Say the Scriptures About Hell," "Spiritism," "Old Theology Tracts," "The Photo Drama of Creation," etc., etc.

He was married in 1879 to Maria Frances Ackley. No children blessed this union. Seventeen years later they disagreed about the management of his journal and a separation followed.

Reared under the influence of Christian parents, at an early age he became interested in theology, uniting himself with the Congregational church, and became active in local mission work. The doctrine of eternal torment of all mankind except the few elect became so abhorent to him that at the age of 17 he was a skeptic. He said, "A God that would use His power to create human beings when He foreknew and predestined should be eternally tormented, could be neither wise, just nor loving; His standard would be lower than that of many men." He continued to believe, however, in the existence of God, but was not willing to accept the commonly understood teachings as God's revelation of Himself to man. He turned his attention to the investigation of heathen religions, only to find all of these unsatisfactory.

His Teachings

Naturally of a reverential mind, desiring to worship and serve the true God, he reasoned, "All the creeds of Christendom claim to be founded on the Bible, and these are conflicting. Is it possible that the Bible has been misrepresented? It may not teach the terrible doctrine of eternal torment." Turning again to the Bible he determined to make a careful, systematic study of it without reference to creeds of men. As a result the remainder of his life was wholly devoted to teaching the Bible, writing and publishing religious books and papers, lecturing and proclaiming the message of Messiah's Kingdom. He was the greatest religious teacher since St. Paul, and did more than any other man of modern times to establish the faith of the people in the Scriptures.

He was not the founder of a new religion, and never made such claim. He revived the great truths taught by Jesus and the Apostles, and turned the light of the Twentieth Century upon these. He made no claim of a special revelation from God, but held that it was God's due time for the Bible to be understood; and that, being fully consecrated to the Lord and to His service, he was permitted to understand it. Because he devoted himself to the development of the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Lord was fulfilled in him: "For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."—2 Peter 1:5-8.

He clearly taught and proved his teachings by the citation of Scriptural authority—that man does not possess an immortal soul, that he is a soul and is mortal; that the wages of sin is death—not eternal torment; that death came upon man as the just penalty for the violation of God's Law; that death means the destruction of man; that God, in His goodness, has provided the great Ransom price whereby man may be delivered from the bondage of sin and death; that God's beloved Son, Jesus, became a man and grew to manhood's estate, was put to death as a man and raised again from the dead a spirit-being possessing the Divine nature; that by His death and resurrection Christ Jesus provided and produced the ransom price for man's deliverance and restoration; that Jesus Christ, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man; that every man in God's due time must, therefore, have a fair trial for life, and to this end there shall be a resurrection of all the dead; that Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven and must come the second time; that the period of time elapsing between the first and the second coming of the Lord is devoted to the elections of the members of the Body of Christ, taken from amongst men; that the requirements for election to that exalted position are full faith in the shed blood of Jesus as the Ransom-price, a full consecration to do the Father's will, and a faithful continuance in obedience to the Father's will even unto death; that all who thus are consecrated and begotten of the Holy Spirit and are overcomers shall have part in the chief resurrection, and be exalted to positions in the Heavenly Kingdom of God and participate with Christ Jesus in His millenial reign for the blessing of all the families of the earth; that during the thousand year reign of Christ all of the dead shall be awakened, and given a fair and impartial trial for life or death; that under said reign the wilfully disobedient shall be everlastingly destroyed, while those obedient to the righteous rule of Christ shall be fully restored to human perfection of body, mind and character; that during this millenial reign the earth shall be brought to a state of Edenic Paradise and made fit as a place habitable for perfect man; that man, fully restored to perfection, will inhabit the beautiful earth in all the ages to come.

His Work.

Seeing that God has such a wonderful plan for the blessing of mankind, Pastor Russell gave all of his power and energy to making known these great truths to the world. He never took a vacation; he worked until the day of his death.

Like other Christians he was looking for the second coming of Christ. Between 1872-76 he discovered that the Scriptures clearly teach that the Lord would not return in a body of flesh, but would return as a spirit being, invisible to human eyes, and that His second presence was due in the autumn of 1874. This led to the publishing of a booklet entitled, "The Object and Manner of Our Lord's Return," which had a phenomenal circulation. Many students of the Bible throughout the United States and Canada responded to the information derived from that book, and his correspondence became voluminous. Realizing the necessity of keeping the truth before the minds of those who had begun to investigate, in 1879 he began the publication of The Watch Tower and Herald of Christ's Presence, and was its sole editor to the time of his death. This journal is issued semi-monthly; it never publishes advertisements, but is devoted exclusively to religious topics. Among the English speaking people in the United States, Canada and Great Britain, its semi-monthly circulation is 45,000 copies. It is also published in German, French, Swedish, Dano-Norwegian and Polish, reaching a large number of subscribers in America and Europe.

He was president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society from its organization in 1884 until his death. He was also president of the People's Pulpit Association, organized in 1909, and the International Bible Students' Association, incorporated in London in 1912, both of the latter corporations being adjuncts to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. Through these religious corporations, as well as by word of mouth, he promulgated the Gospel of Messiah's Kingdom. He was the author of the following publications, issued between the years 1881 and 1914, each having phenomenal circulation, as given below:

"Food for Thinking Christians," 1,450,000; "Tabernacle Shadows," 1,000,000; "Divine Plan of the Ages" 4,817,000; "The Time is at Hand," 1,657,000; "Thy Kingdom Come," 1,578,000; "Battle of Armageddon," 464,000; "The Atonement", 445,000; "The New Creation," 423,000; "What Say the Scriptures About Hell," 3,000,000.

He was also author of "What Say the Scriptures About Spiritism, Old Theology Tracts," etc, etc. He was the author of the Photo-Drama of Creation, which had been exhibited prior to his death to more than nine million persons. He wrote and published the scenario of the Photo-Drama of Creation, which has had a very wide circulation. His publications were translated into 35 different languages. At the same time he was pastor of more than 1,300 congregations of Bible students, in different parts of the world. These he visited as often as possible.

He organized and conducted a lecture bureau which constantly employed 70 Bible lecturers, who traveled and delivered lectures on the Scriptures. He organized and managed an auxiliary bureau of 700 men who gave a portion of their time to lecturing on Bible teachings. Each year he wrote practically all of the copy for the Bible Students' Monthly, the annual distribution of which amounted to approximately fifty million copies.

His weekly sermons were handled by a newspaper syndicate. More than 2,000 newspapers, with a combined circulation of 15,000,000 readers, at one time published his discourses. All told, more than 4,000 newspapers published these sermons.

The Continent, a publication whose editor often opposed Pastor Russell, once published the following significant statement concerning him:

"His writings are said to have greater newspaper circulation every week than those of any other living man; a greater, doubtless, than the combined circulation of the writings of all the priests and preachers in North America; greater even than the work of Arthur Brisbane, Norman Hapgood, George Horace Lorimer, Dr. Frank Crane, Frederick Haskins and a dozen other of the best known editors and syndicate writers put together."

Harvest Work.

Pastor Russell adhered closely to the teachings of the Scriptures. He believed and taught that we are living in the time of the second presence of our Lord, and that His presence dates from 1874; that since that time we have been living in the "time of the end"—the "end of the Age," during which the Lord has been conducting His great harvest work; that, in harmony with the Lord's own statement, this harvest work is separating true Christians designated as "wheat" from merely professing Christians, designated as "tares," and gathering the true saints into the Kingdom of the Lord. It is here interesting to note that Jesus said, "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over His household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, when his Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing! Verily I say unto you that He shall make him ruler over all His goods." Thousands of the readers of Pastor Russell's writings believe that he filled the office of "that faithful and wise servant," and that his great work was giving to the household of faith meat in due season. His modesty and humility precluded him from openly claiming this title, but he admitted as much in private conversation. For a more detailed account of his work, reference is made to the Watch Tower of June 1st, 1916.

In 1910 Pastor Russell visited Palestine and Russia. In there orally delivered lectures to thousands of orthodox Jews on the re-gathering of Jews to Palestine. In 1911 he was one of a committee of seven who made a journey around the world and especially examined into the conditions of missionary work in Japan, China, Korea and India. On the same occasion, he again visited the Jews in Palestine and Galatia, explaining to them that the prophecies teach that the Jews at an early date will again be established in Palestine. On his return to America he was given a great ovation at the New York City Hippodrome by thousands of Jews, his discourse on this occasion being published by Hebrew papers both in America and in Europe.

During the 42 years of Pastor Russell's Christian work he never directly or indirectly solicited money. No collection was ever taken at any meeting addressed by him or by any of his associates. He had faith that the Lord would supply sufficient money to carry on his work; that the work was the Lord's and not man's. The fact that voluntary contributions were liberally made by many persons throughout the world proved that his conclusions were correct.

He devoted his private fortune entirely to the cause to which he gave his life. He received the nominal sum of $11.00 per month for his personal expenses. He died, leaving no estate whatsoever.

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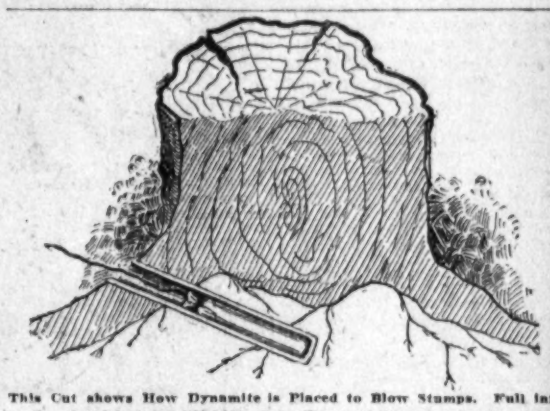

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THEATRICAL

An elaborate revival of "The Prince of Pilsen," the most popular of American musical comedies, will be seen at the Academy tomorrow matinee and night with a wealth of scenic and costume equipment and an excellence of individual and chorus impersonation rarely shown in musical comedy performance. In fact, this delightful entertainment, combining the lightest and best work of Gustav Luders and Frank Pixley, has set a mark in this especial field of performance that will tax the talents of other composers and authors to reach. Musical comedy of modern origin is essentially evanescent, changing tastes and times call for new songs and new scenes. Once in a decade, perhaps, there comes a play of this kind—so tuneful in its music, so dainty and poetic in its lyrics and so thoroughly human in its comedy that it proves the rule of short life by becoming the exception that lives long. Such is "The Prince of Pilsen." For the coming engagement there has been provided a company, the principals and chorus of which are said to have been chosen with the intention of making the performance the best ever given of this musical comedy. In the principal comedy role, Hans Wagner, a Cincinnati brewer, Charles Horne combines a personality that exudes humor with an innate appreciation of comedy, so pointedly expressed by voice, look and action that he evokes almost the extreme limit of merriment. Estella Birney, a charming young actress with pleasing personality, will be the flirtatious widow of the cast. The cast comprises other names equally as well known and among whom are Edward T. Mora, Eldora Stanford, Marie Baldwin, George Myers, George C. Hall, Walter James, Dorothy Delmore, Irene Duke, and Frank MacEwan. The song hits number at least a score. "The Message of the Violet," "Heidelberg," "The Tale of the Sea Shell," "Pictures in Smoke" and "The Song of the Cities" are household favorites.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1. The night prices range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets are selling at Elvington's Front street store for both performances.

"September Morn" Coming

"September Morn," the season's greatest musical comedy hit framed in series of pretty stage pictures instead of dear old Nature as the only environment, comes to the Academy of Music for an engagement of a matinee and night performance at an early date. A jolly riot of fun with special jingly music on the side and dancing, singing coterie of tango girls in the lively chorus numbers is "September Morn." William Moore is principal comedy peddler with a company of nearly fifty assisting. Le Comte and Flesher are given credit for exploiting the biggest and best of all fun shows. The attraction but recently closed a sensational run at the LaSalle Opera House, Chicago.

Marguerite Clark Monday

Marguerite Clark, the idol of the million fans, comes to the Grand Monday in her very latest and greatest Paramount, "Miss George Washington."

When caught by your parents in a compromising situation with your school chum and a strange young man, introduce the chum and the youth as husband and wife and your difficulty vanishes! Then, adroitly escaping with your father and mother leave the other two to recover from their embarrassment as best they may. But before doing so, it would be well to make sure that the school chum and the strange young man are not going to arrive at your own home later as guests.

This is the unfortunate predicament which "Miss George Washington" found herself in. Of course their being there was all quite accidental and innocent, but in a moment of panic she decided to lie her way out of the trouble rather than explain the facts in the face. That was her first mistake—others confronted her with startling rapidity from the moment she tried to cover up the first lie with others.

The title, "Miss George Washington," immediately conjures up one of two pictures—a girl who cannot tell a lie, or a girl who cannot tell the truth, and the latter is meant in this, the most fascinating farce comedy in which the dainty little queen of the movies has ever starred.

"The Common Law" Monday

The supreme screen event of the season will be afforded to Wilmington amusement lovers tomorrow and Tuesday when that great photoplay production, "The Common Law," based on Robert W. Chambers' powerful and daring story of studio life in New York City, and which has been read by more than two million Americans will be presented, starring the screen's most wonderful artiste, Clara Kimball Young, in the leading role, that of Valerie West.

Probably "The Common Law" has been more extensively read in this day than any other work of fiction of recent years. And it was read because of the boldness and fearlessness of the author's style and the topics upon which he wrote. Mr. Chambers' novels are not in the least bit quiet or retreating; rather are they inclined to be outstanding and frank. The spirit that permeated "The Common Law" in novel form has been most successfully transferred to the screen. The picture calls a spade a spade, and by its undeniable frankness will undoubtedly create considerable comment. But it is here in its very frankness that the art of suggestion is employed so successfully. Delicate situations are thus made delicate pictures.

The story itself concerns the life of an artist's model, Valerie West, who, because she believes she will ruin the career of the man she loves if she marries him, decides to become his wife according to the Common Law. Her attitude changes finally when she discovers that it was the selfishness and ignorance of others who misjudged her simply because of her profession, and so she finally consents to become the artist's wife according to the Law of God.

It has been filmed with a fearlessness by that master craftsman, Albert Cappelani, and supporting Miss Young in this massive eight-reel production are a big bunch of great stars, which go to make it the absolutely unrivalled and supreme artistic and dramatic triumph of the year.

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A Scene Showing Clara Kimball Young and Conway Tearle in "The Common Law," at the Victoria Monday and Tuesday.

Estella Birney, as Mrs. Crocker, the widow in "The Prince of Pilsen," at the Academy of Music, tomorrow matinee and night.

$300,000 BONDS SOLD AT PRIVATE SALE IN BUNCOMBE

People Are Asking Why Not Public Sale and Other Questions.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Why were $300,000 Buncombe county bonds sold at private sale by the county commissioners? Why did those bonds bring only 100.4 when the market price for bonds with credit such as Buncombe county possesses back of them, is around 107? Why made in the neighborhood of $18,000 on a transaction of which no minutes were kept by the county commissioners?

These and other similar questions are being asked in Asheville, and the county commissioners, from all indications, will be called on to answer them as the result of the discovery yesterday, through an advertisement in a New York financial paper, that the commissioners had sold this amount of bonds at private sale.

Following the discovery of the advertisement of the bonds in question in the New York paper, Chairman W. E. Johnson was asked if the bonds had really been sold. He answered in the affirmative, at the same time displaying a copy of a resolution passed by the commissioners under date of December 4 which authorized the sale. Chairman Johnson did not state when the resolution was passed, but it was not incorporated in the minutes of the December 4 meeting and the resolution was not passed in open meeting.

The chairman was also asked if the bonds had been advertised for sale. He replied that they had not been advertised. He also stated, in reply to a question, that no other firm or party except the buyers, Well Roth & Company, had been given an opportunity to bid on the bonds. His reason for this was that the commissioners deemed it inadvisable to ask for bids and thought it best to dispose of the bonds at private sale.

At private sale, the $300,000 bonds brought a premium of exactly $1,200, the purchasers to pay accrued interest to date and to pay for the printing of the bonds, etc. At the present market price of such bonds, which, according to bond men here, is around 107, the bonds would have brought in the neighbodhood of $20,000 premium.

Comparisons were made yesterday and today between city bonds and the present issue of county bonds. Many eager bidders were present to bid for the high school bond issue of $200,000, which brought 106.37. A leading financier said yesterday that the bond market never had been better and that Buncombe county's credit was even better than that of the city of Asheville. On this basis he estimated that the county bonds should have brought at least 107 had they been properly advertised and bids received.

Several attorneys stated yesterday that there is no law to compel the county commissioners to advertise such bond sale, they being permitted to use their discretion. These opinions, however, are not going to stop the people from asking the commissioners why their discretion prompted the private sale instead of the public bids.

County Treasurer Brookshire stated yesterday that the issue of bonds will bring the county's bonded indebtedness up to $1,062,000.

OVER FIFTY VETERINARIANS HOLD MEETING AND ORGANIZE

Southeastern States Association Formed—Tar Heels' Participate.

Atlanta, Dec. 30.—More than fifty veterinarians of the Southeastern states were present and became charter members when the Southeastern States Veterinary Medical Asociation was formally organized here Wednesday night and officers elected for the ensuing year. North Carolina veterinarians attending the meeting were: Dr. C. L. Cruse, Statesville; Dr. G. A. Roberts, Raleigh; Dr. M. J. Ragland, Salisbury; Dr. A. C. Jones, High Point.

Unusual interest was shown and many discussions followed the papers read on "Interstate Health Certificates" by Dr. P. F. Bahnsen, of Atlanta; "Contagious Abortion, Infections of Animals," by Dr. G. A. Roberts, of Raleigh; "Hemorrhagic Septicalmia of Cattle," by Dr. F. P. Caughman, Columbia.

Dr. C. A. Cary, head of the veterinary department of the Alabama Polytechnic College, was elected president. Dr. G. A. Roberts, head of the veterinary department of the North Carolina A. & M. school in Raleigh, was chosen as secretary-treasurer. F. W. Morgan, of Chattanooga, was elected first vice-president; J. W. Scheibler, of Memphis, Tenn., second vice president, and Benjamin McInnes, of Charleston, S. C., third vice president.

Resident state secretaries were also elected for the year. They are: Alabama, D. A. Platt, Birmingham; Florida, M. Schofield, Miami; Georgia, P. F. Bahnson, Atlanta; Mississippi, E. M. Ranck, Agricultural College; North Carolina, A. C. Jones, High Point; South Carolina, F. P. Caughman, Columbia; Tennessee, William M. Bell, Nashville.

The charter membership lists of the association will be left open for ninety days to enable any veterinary surgeons who were unable to attend to become members of the association.

SUPREME SCREEN EVENT OF THE YEAR
CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
The Screen's Most Wonderful Artiste
In Her Supreme Triumph as Valerie West
In
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ENORMOUS ALL STAR REVIVAL
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY PRICES: Matinee, 50c to $1.00. Night, 50c to $1.50. Seats now swelling at Elvington's Front Street Store.

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MATINEE AND NIGHT, SATURDAY, JANUARY, 6
PRICES: NIGHT 50c, 75c, $1.00
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THE SENSATIONAL MELODRAMATIC HEART STORY
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Marguerite Clark
In her Most Fascinating and Latest Paramount Triumph
"Miss George Washington"
The Story of a Girl Who Could Not Tell the Truth

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A BIG BEAUTY CHORUS
A GREAT SONG HIT SHOW
THELMA FRALEY, "The Girl With the Blues"
ETHEL BRUCE, With the Sweet Voice
MAY LAWSON, the Pleasing Prima Donna

THEATRICAL

(Continued from Page Twelve).

New Company at Royal.

In presenting at the Royal all this week, Garner & Lawson's Hello Southland Revue Company, the management believes they have struck upon a company which possesses all the traits of the happy medium between musical comedy and vaudeville, and that this attraction will prove the greatest bill yet presented during the season in Wilmington.

Garner & Lawson's all-star aggregation, besides being a well-trained musical comedy company, trained by long experience together, contains a total of an even half-dozen acts, every member of the company being a seasoned vaudeville performer. Among them is the Evansons, comedy entertainers with a hundred laughs in every line they utter; the Boyds, "Military nonsense"; Miller and Davis, society dancers de luxe; Thelma Fraley, "The Girl with The Blues"; Ethel Bruce, the girl with the sweet voice, and May Lawson, the pleasing prima donna in popular songs.

Gardner and Lawson's Hello Southland Revue has a record of five successful years behind it, and features the only original George B. Gardner ("Well I'll Sweat, Gardner" he is known everywhere) one of the best comedy artists ever seen in the South. A half dozen pretty dancing girls in the chorus, with some of the niftiest and prettiest costumes of the year, is another big feature of this show, which will give its first performance tomorrow afternoon matinee.

"A Little Girl in a Big City."

New York life as it is today is dramatically illustrated in the forthcoming engagement at the Academy of Music Saturday, January 6th, matinee and night, of "A Little Girl in a Big City," a new play from the pen of James Kyrle MacCurdy. It was originally produced at the Gotham Theatre, New York, where it is said to have created a sensation, and was partly responsible for the creation in the metropolis of a special squad of crime detectors, whose sole duty it is to seek out and imprison organized bands of criminals who make a business of striking up an acquaintance with young girls who come to the big cities alone. It is said to teach a better sermon than many a one preached from the pulpit and the management promises that it will show nothing that will give offense to the most sensitive man or woman. A carload of special scenery is carried and a company of uniform excellence. Positively no children under 16 will be admitted.

COMMISSION FORM FOR COUNTY

Buncombe Taking Steps to Get Government Like Asheville's.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 28.—The legislative committee of the Asheville board of trade is preparing a bill, to be introduced at the General Assembly next month, providing for a change in the government of Buncombe county, giving the county a commission form of government, similar to that now enjoyed by the city of Asheville. The committee has already drafted a tentative bill and is considering at daily meetings.

Herbert D. Miles is chairman of the board and Judge Henry B. Stevens is furnishing the legal advice on the drawing up of the measure. The bill, in its tentative form, proposes to do away with the present burdensome form of government and substitute three competent business men, these three men to have full control of the county's business. The Legislature will be asked to make the change available as quickly as possible.

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(advertisement.)

"A Litlry Girl in a Big City," Academy of Music, Matinee and Night, Saturday, January 6th.

CAMELS AS 'WAR HORSES'

The news that the British forces operating near the Suez Canal have employed camels in some of their charges against Turkish trenches gives special interest to a communication to the National Geographic Society concerning these desert beasts of burden and war-mounts. A portion of the communication is issued as the following bulletin:

"There are almost as many varieties of camels as horses. The Arab name for camel is djemel. Those of Tunisia, Tripolitania and Algeria have one hump and are really dromedaries. Certain breeds of camel can withstand the great heat of the Sahara Desert, and others that of the zero weather of Tibet and China.

"The ordinary camels of northern Africa (dromedaries) cost from $30 to $60 apiece and they live on almost anything that they can find to eat by the roadside; hence it costs next to nothing for their native Arab owners to keep them. Should a European own camels and attempts to feed them with hay and grain he would find that they ate a great deal, and that it would cost a dollar a day for each one.

"During the Italian war in Tripoli the usual price for hiring a camel and its driver to take food supplies from Ben Garden to the Turkish camp was from 60 to 70 cents a day.

"It is amazing to see the rapidity with which a herd of 500 camels will eat to the ground a large pasturage of prickly pear from 8 to 10 feet high. Leaves, thn, prickles and all, disappear like magic.

Camels As 'War Horses'

"In many parts of Africa the natives keep all their date stones and give them to exhausted camels, weary from their long Sahara march. The camel resists at first, and the date stones, moistened in a little water, are pushed forcibly by the handful, down the camel's throat, after it has been made to kneel, and then securely fastened. In two or three days the camel learns to eat them of its own accord. The natives say that these date stones make the hump of the camel strong and stiff.

"The camel in its long march across the Sahara frequently finds very little to eat and lives on the fat of its own hump. When this continues during a long time the hump becomes flabby and almost disappears. The African broad-tailed sheep lives in the same way on the fat of its own tail.

"The flesh of the camel is eaten by the natives. The greatest delicacy is the hump, which contains a great deal of fat.

"The usual weight of the burdens carried by a camel varies from 550 to 600 pounds, for journeys from town to town or on the border of the desert; going across the desert the burden is less. When a camel is being laden it keeps up a continual snarling, and should it be overburdened it refuses to arise. Most camels are vicious and their bite is very dangerous. Hardly a week passes at the large native hospital in Tunis but some unfortunate camel driver dies of blood poisoning caused by a camel's bite. The grinding motion of a camel's jaw crushes to pulp whatever it bites; so that the arm or leg has to be amputated, and blood poisoning usually sets in before the patient can reach the hospital.

"In the interior of northern Africa is a superb race of camels known as the mehara (singular, mehari), or racing camels. The mehara owe a great deal to the care taken in their breeding during the past 2,000 years. Ancient writers used to speak of camels used by the army of Xerxes, more than 2,000 years ago, that had the speed of the fastest horses; these were doubtless mehara.

"When a baby mehari is born it is swathed in bandages to prevent the stomach from getting too large and is taken into the family tent, where it is nursed and watched over with care and tenderness. When a year old it is sheared and is known from then on as a bou-keutaa, which means 'the father of the shearing.'

"For the first year it is allowed to wander at will and follow its mother. The bou-keutaa is weaned by a pointed stick being run through one nostril and left in the wound. When the young camel tries to suckle its mother the stick pricks her and she kicks the baby camel away. It soon leaves the mother and learns to eat fresh green shrubs. In the spring it is sheared again and the name heug replaces that of bou-keutaa.

When it is two years old its training begins. A halter is placed around the head and a cord tied to one of the fore feet. It is kept quiet first by gestures and the voice; later by the voice alone. Then the cord is loosened, but should it make a step it is tied again. Finally it understands what is required, but the lessons are only terminated when it will stand in one place without moving for an entire day.

"To make the camel a fast runner the rider whips it on both flanks with a rhinoceros-hide whip and cries out in Arabic to excite it. A young mehari is very fond of its own skin, and on being struck starts on a gallop. The whipping keeps up and the camel tries to get away by running faster. The long legs seem like wings and it flies past with the speed of an ostrich. It will stop instantly at a pull on the rein, no matter what speed it has been making.

"When the rider jumps off, or should he happen to fall, a well-trained mehari will stand quite still and wait, while should the master happen to be injured the faithful beast will never leave him.

"A mehari is never used as a beast of burden; all it ever carries is a saddle (something like a Mexican saddle, made of gazelle-skin, dyed red, with a high pommel and a cross in front), two saddle-bags and a rider. The rider is buckled into the saddle by two belts. His feet are crossed in front of the saddle and rest on the neck of the mehari. His slippers are usually slung across the pommel, and the mehari is guided by the wriggling of the rider's toes.

"An iron ring passes through one nostril of the animal and a rein of camel's hair is attached.

"The mehara are used entirely by the Arabs when on the war path, or razzia. A mehari on the war path can save three men. Two ride it and the third takes hold of its tail and is pulled along. The latter changes places with the rider at intervals. When a war party has lost so many camels that there remains but one camel for every three men, it always retreats.

"Mehara are usually fawn colored, with soft intelligent eyes. They have pointed ears like a gazelle's. Their chests are very well developed, and they have a small girth, almost like that of a greyhound. Their slender legs bulge with muscles as hard as steel.

"To run short of water half way across the desert is a very serious proposition which the natives overcome by killing a djemel or ordinary camel, and drinking its blood after it has cooled and the froth at the top, which the Arabs claim is poisonous, is skimmed off. The water found in the stomach is also drunk.

"A terrible custom used to prevail among certain tribes of the Sahara. Before starting on a razzia or war path, old camels of not much value were kept from drinking as long as possible, and just before starting out were allowed to drink their fill, then, according to the Arabs, their tongues were cut or torn out, or else certain tendons and nerves were severed, without the use of which it was impossible for the camels to use the water in their stomachs, but they could live for a long time. When drink and meat were needed, one or two of these camels were slaughtered, the flesh eaten, and the water and blood drunk. When the camels were killed, the horses are said to have pawed the ground in their eagerness to eat some of the fresh meat.

"When at full speed a mehari has a most remarkable single-foot or pacing step, the motion of which is not at all disagreeable; and it can cover quite easily 100 miles a day without undue fatigue."

SALARY FOR EVANGELISTS

Church of Christ Report Says the Present System is Bad.

(St. Louis dispatch in New York Evening Post).

A salary basis for evangelists, instead of the present system of "part salary, part subscription, systematically solicited, and part free-will offering," is urged by the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, submitted to the quadrennial convention of the council at its final session here today.

"The present system," says the report, "insures the evangelist an income far in excess of the earnings of equally gifted men in any other department of religious effort, and gives an altogether hurtful prominence to the commercial side of evangelism.

"The regular ministry is to some degree suspicious of public or so-called vocational evangelism. This suspicion has often ripened into a prejudice altogether unjustified. Evangelism, however, because of its own weakness and folly, has deserved a large share of the rebuke it has received."

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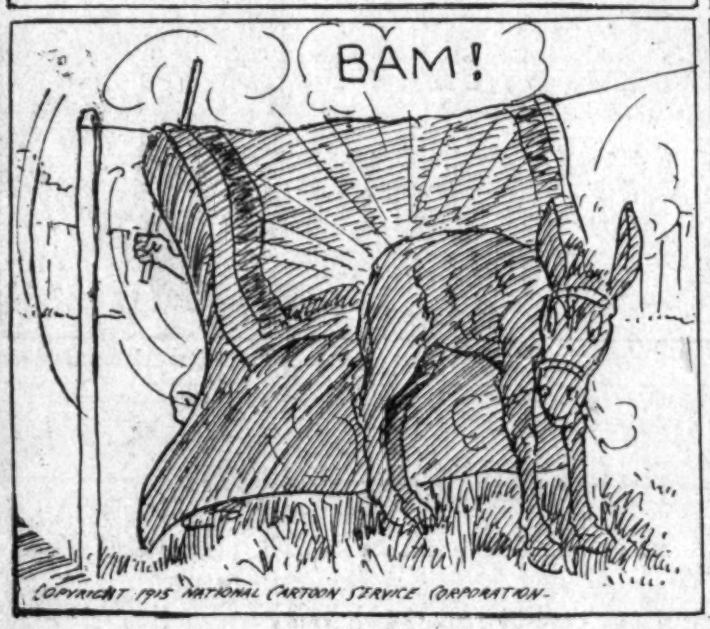
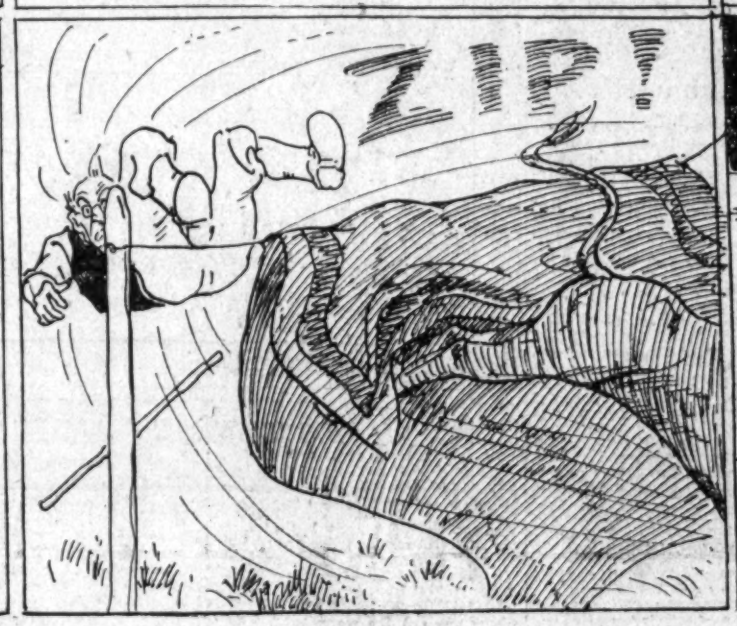
SOME EXERCISE FOR HIRAM

By Alfred Jackson





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Chesty de Nut

HE IS NOT AFRAID OF GHOSTS, BUT OF HIS OWN IMAGE.

No 50

by F.R.Paul

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YOU SURE ARE A BRAVE YOUNG MAN MOST EVERYBODY IS SCARED OF SPOOKS. DO YOU KNOW A GHOST WHEN YOU SEE ONE?
STRANGE HOW ANYBODY CAN BE AFRAID OF SPOOKS, IF Mr GHOST COMES I'LL GIVE HIM THE HA, HA. I'VE BEEN HERE THREE HOURS AND HE HAS NOT INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO ME! GEE. BUT I AM SLEEPY!
DREAM
JUMPIN' JIMMINY!! HERE'S THE SPOOK NOW!!
THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED!!
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PAUL

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

LITTLE CHANGE IN COTTON

Market Quiet With Fluctuations Comparatively Narrow and Irregular. No Fresh Sentiment.

New York, Dec. 30.—The cotton market was quiet today with fluctuations comparatively narrow and irregular. March contracts sold off from 17.38 to 17.19, and closed at 17.28, with the general list closing barely steady, net unchanged to 11 points higher. There appeared to be some foreign buying of October, which held relatively steady during the entire morning.

With Liverpool closed there seemed nothing in the news to create fresh sentiment. The opening was steady at an advance of 2 to 12 points with new crops leading on a moderate demand from houses with continental connections. May sold at 17.65 and October 16.25 during the early trading, or about 10 to 19 points net higher, but this advance met scattered selling. Prices soon eased off in consequence with May selling off to 17.44, or about eight points net lower, while October reacted to 16.10, or within four points of Friday's closing figures.

Rallies of a few points, followed on covering in the late trading. The uncertainties of the ocean freight situation were again discussed on the reaction from the early high point, while buying seemed to be encouraged by expectations of an improvd dmand from th domestic trade after the first of the year.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	17.07	17.08	17.01	17.01
March	17.35	17.38	17.19	17.28
May	17.61	17.65	17.44	17.57
July	17.59	17.67	17.50	17.62
October	16.15	16.25	16.10	16.17

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 17.25; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 17.25; receipts, 7,178; exports, 12,237; sales, 500; stock, 485,403.

Galveston—Middling, 17.35; receipts, 6,378; sales, 500; stock, 375,332.

Mobile—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 51; stock, 19,581.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 4,051; exports, 4,370; sales, 200; stock, 196,747.

Charleston—Receipts, 395; stock, 69,-850.

Wilmington — Middling, 17.00; receipts, 28; stock, 50,590.

Norfolk — Middling, 17.00; receipts, 1,255; sales, 127; stock, 114,543.

Baltimore—Exports, 6,450; stock, 1,-440.

Boston—Middling, 17.25; receipts, 300; stock, 9,100.

Philadelphia — Middling, 17.50; exports, 60; stock, 3,950.

New York—Middling, 17.25; receipts, 886; stock, 159,202.

Minor Ports—Stock, 48,750.

Total today—Receipts, 20,517; exports, 23,147; stock, 1,524,108.

Total for week—Receipts, 20,517; exports, 23,147.

Total for season — Receipts, 4,905,-736; exports, 3,141,875.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 17.10; receipts, 1,608; shipments, 15,471; sales, 1,636; stock, 271,767.

Memphis—Receipts, 5,406; shipments, 2,910; stock, 328,891.

Augusta — Middling, 17.50; receipts, 33; shipments, 502; sales, 279; stock, 155,060.

St. Louis—Middling, 16.00; receipts, 5,751; shipments, 5,766; stock, 31,566.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 703; shipments, 1,123; stock, 25,416.

Little Rock — Middling, 17.25; receipts, 825; shipments, 1,119; sales, 1,-119; stock, 54,760.

Dallas—Middling, 16.65; sales, 750.

Montgomery—Middling, 17.25; sales, 147.

Total today—Receipts, 24,826; shipments, 26,831; stock, 866,860.

COTTON GOODS MARKETS.

Agents Regard Situation Pretty Strong. Quiet Export Demand.

New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton goods markets have been steadier in the gray goods division and there has been a partial recovery of the prices for print cloths and some sheetings. Quotations are still ¼c a yard below the top of the past month, but offerings from second hands are less numerous. Trading is reported on price levels about ¼c under those acceptable to mills so that few contracts are being placed. Finished goods have shown little change in first hands. Agents have had very few requests for cancellations and for that reason they regard the situation as a pretty strong one. Predictions of a more active trade after the turn of the year are very general. The demand for export goods is very quiet, but shipments on old orders continue full. Until there is less uncertainty in political and raw material conditions, it is believed cloth traders will remain generally quiet, this attitude being prerreable to most of the mills who are committed for some months on goods sold during the last quarter of the year.

Prices quoted are as follows: Print cloths 28-inch 64x64s, 6c, nominal; 64x60s, 5½c; 38 1-2 inch, 64x64s, 8c, nominal; brown sheetings, Southern standards, 12c; denims, 2.20 indigo, 21c; tickings, 8-oz. 20½c; staple ginghams, 9 1-2c; prints 9c; dress ginghams 11½ and 13 1-2c.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Becomes Tame After Excited Opening—Gain of 3 to 5 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—After an irregular and excited opening today the cotton market quieted and became a steady and tame affair. Toward the close some buying strength developed and active months went 16 to 26 points over yesterday's last figures. The net results of the day's trading were a rise of 3 to 5 points.

On the opening some months showed a rise and others a decline and in the early trading the list was 6 to 16 points up at the highest. The near months at one time were 13 to 24 points down compared to yesterday's close.

The steadiness late in the day appeared to be the result of bullish predictions that the trading of the new year would be at a higher range of values. Shorts were disposed to cover over the holidays.

Closing bid: January 16.64; March 16.82; May 17.07; July 17.27; October 15.81 asked.

Spot cotton quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot 300 bales; to arrive 600 bales; middling 17.25.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Heljasch, Meide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,873 tons, Lemke, Meide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Holiday (New Year.)

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine . . . . . (—)

Rosin . . . . . (—

Tar 33

Crude Turpentine . . . . . (—)

Receipts same day last year—Holiday (New Year.)

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17c; same day last year, holiday.

Receipts—28 bales; same day last year, (—) bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,740 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 135,372 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 29.

Atlantic Coast Line—28 bales cotton; 33 barrels tar.

Total—28 bales cotton; 33 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 30.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Hurry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 33 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 1 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound, good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 30. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.20; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

STOCK MARKET CLOSED.

As announced several days ago, the New York stock exchange was closed yesterday, and will not reopen until Tuesday.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, December 30. — The cotton oil market was quiet with an evening trade and prices were irregular, closing three points higher to six points lower. Sales for the day were 16,800 barrels. Total for the year were 7,043,-700 barrels, against 4,477,400 in 1915.

Closed firm. Spot, 11.95 bid; January, 11.95@12.01; February, 11.84@11.89; March, 11.80@11.91; April, 11.84@11.86; May, 11.87@11.89; June, 11.86@11.95; July, 11.93@11.95; August, 11.97@12.09.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 30. — Hogs—Weak. Bulk, 10.00@10.40; light, 9.50@10.15; mixed, 9.85@10.50; heavy, 10.00@10.50; rough, 10.00@10.15; pigs, 7.50@9.15.

Cattle—Steady. Native beef cattle, 7.25@11.80; Western steers, 7.25@10.00; stockers, 5.25@8.25; cows and heifers, 4.25@10.00; calves, 9.00@13.00.

Sheep—Steady. Wethers, 9.10@10.25; ewes, 6.50@9.85; lambs, 11.25@13.60.

No market Monday.

WEEK'S BANK STATEMENT.

New York, December 30. — The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold $117,335,690 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $27,271,430 from last week.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 30. — Cotton goods and yarn markets closed quiet but steadier today, with prices somewhat irregular. Burlaps were quiet, linens firm and more active; knit goods, very firm. Jobbers have closed a very prosperous year.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, December 30. — Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Irregular.

Coffee—Market closed.

Sugar—Market closed.

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A gain of approximately of $18,000,000 in total resources of Federal Reserve Banks for the week ending December 29, is shown by the board's weekly statement.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, December 30. — Beeves—No trading. Calves, steady. Veals, 15. Sheep and Lambs—Steady. Lambs, 14.25. Hogs—No trading.

WHEAT SCORES HEAVY GAIN

Speculators Bid Market Up Seven Cents in Some Instances—Net Rise of 2¾ Cents to 4 Cents.

Chicago, December 30. — Notable in price marked the close of the year in the wheat trade. Speculators who at the last found themselves unable to make deliveries on December contracts bid the market up 7 cents a bushel in some cases. Signs of improved shipping conditions led to brisk advances, too, on more deferred deliveries. The close was nervous, 2¾ to 4 net higher, with May at 1.74¼ to 1.74½, and July at 1.41 1-8 to 1.41 1-4.

Corn gained ¼ to 3c. and oats ⅝c. to 1¼@1⅝c. Provisions finished unchanged to 25c. higher. Close:

Wheat—May, 1.74¼; July, 1.41⅛.

Corn—May, 93; July, 92¼.

Oats—May, 53⅜; July, 51⅝.

Pork—January, 27.00; May, 26.60.

Lard—January, 15.30; May, 15.75.

Ribs—January, 13.72; May, 14.20.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.77; No. 2 and No. 3, hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 92¾@93; No. 4, yellow, 90½@91; No. 4, white, 90@90½.

NAVAL STORES MARKET CLOSED.

Savannah, December 30. — No naval stores market; holiday.

CHILDREN GET MILLIONS.

Will of George C. Boldt Leaves Property to Them.

(From New York Sun.)

George C. Boldt's will, made public yesterday by his personal attorney, Francis S. Hutchins, divides his estate between his son, George C. Boldt, Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. Clover Boldt Miles, wife of Alfred Graham Miles. The estate is worth from $12,000,000 to $13,000,000, in the opinion of Mr. Hutchins.

Although a trustee and benefactor of Cornell University, Mr. Boldt left nothing in his will for that institution. The only explanation for that was offered by Mr. Hutchins when he said:

"Mr. Boldt in his lifetime expressed a horror of purchasing posthumous fame, as he termed it, at the expense of his children. He felt that it was the duty of every man to give and to give liberally during his lifetime, and that he put this belief generously into practice throughout the term of his life all who knew him will testify. His children shared his confidence fully and it was his expressed wish to them that they carry on the work that he had begun.

"A plan for great dormitories at Ithaca was being considered by Mr. Boldt shortly before his last illness. It was this project that he is believed to have referred to and that he hoped would be carried out by his children."

Mr. Hutchins made a short preliminary appraisal of the Boldt estate, saying the life insurance ran into many thousands, but was not quite as large as some of the underwriters had reported. Mr. Hutchins put the value of the policies at less than $700,000. Mr. Hutchins also said the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, in Philadelphia, which was owned outright by Mr. Boldt, has been appraised at $10,000,000, and that it bears a $3,000,000 mortgage.

"He was also the sole owner of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Company, which held the lease on the Waldorf-Astoria and though importuned many times to sell an interest in the company, never did so, as every share at the time of his death stood in his name."

HAD TROUBLE OVER PIG

Caught Between French Military and Civil Authorities

(Le Crude Paris)

A councilor of the Court of Appeals, who is also connected with the management of a military hospital, authorized the purchase of a sucking pig which should be nourished on the kitchen wastes. The little pig had the run of the hospital yard. He was of a sportive disposition and the hospital inmates called him Little Bacon.

One day the director of municipal hygiene wrote to the councilor that for sanitary reasons the little porker must be removed The councilor thereupon offered the pig to the presiding judge of the local tribunal.

Two soldiers put the pig in a wheel chair to take it to the judge. Some days later the councilor received from the office of the military health service a letter informing him that he had no right to dispose of the precious animal but that it must be returned to the hospital.

In great haste the councilor went to see his friend, the president. He was met by a frightful spectacle. Little Bacon lay upon the sod in the judge's garden the throat cut from ear to ear. The grunting and squealing of the pig had disturbed the slumber of the judge and he had decreed its death. The councilor wrote immediately to the military health officer that he could not produce the pig. He received an answer: "You have carried away a pig, and I shall prosecute you." Between the military and the civil authorities what was he to do? He decided to obey the orders of the army He repaired to the open market, bought a sucking pig of a farmer from Beauce and led it with great pomp to the hospital.

The successor to Little Bacon is of a somber and crabbed humor. He seeks solitude and raises the most ferocious grumblings. The soldiers have named him the Crown Prince

HERE'S A PLEA FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD

(From Philadelphia Record.)

In recommending to Congress that the National Guard should be given a fair chance to prove its ability to measure up to the requirements of National defense, Secretary Baker gives expression to the feeling of the great majority of American civilians. The plan to merge the guardsmen into the regular army as a reserve has just begun to be carried into effect, and the wisest military expert cannot tell how it is going to work out. In one respect the National Guard did much better than the regular army, according to statements emanating from the General Staff itself. In the period from July 1 to October 31, the most strenuous recruiting campaign ever undertaken produced only 15,000 recruits. The men newly enlisted in the National Guard for duty on the Mexican border numbered 60,-000. The guardsmen beat the army four to one.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 31, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 35 degrees; at 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 50 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .60 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.10 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 4.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Sunday. Monday fair, somewhat warmer.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 31, 1916.

Sun rises . . . . . 7:18 A. M.

Sun sets . . . . . 5:13 P. M.

Day's length . . . . . 9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	3:03	3:22	10:23	10:43
Southport	12:58	1:16	7:19	7:44
Masonboro Inl	12:47	1:05	6:59	7:24

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 31, 1916.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	54	38	.0
Asheville	clear	50	26	.0
Atlanta	cldy	56	40	.0
Augusta	cldy	58	34	.0
Baltimoer	clear	30	—	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	56	42	.0
Boston	clear	24	12	.0
Charleston	cldy	54	44	.0
Charlotte	clear	50	32	.0
Chicago	clear	22	10	.0
Galveston	cldy	58	56	.0
Jacksonv.	pt cldy	58	52	.12
Memphis	pt cldy	50	32	.0
Mobile	cldy	62	54	.0
Montgom'y	pt cldy	58	48	.0
New Orl.	cldy	64	56	.0
New York	clear	50	18	.0
Oklahoma	clear	48	30	.0
Palestine	rain	54	46	.08
Pittsburg	snow	26	66	.0
Raleigh	clear	44	28	.0
Savannah.	pt cldy	60	48	.0
Shreveport	cldy	54	42	.0
St. Louis	clear	34	23	.0
Washing'n	pt cldy	52	20	.0

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, December 30. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¼; sterling, sixty day bills, 4.71½; commercial sixty day bills, on banks, 4.71¼; commercial sixty day bills, 4.71; demand, 4.75⅝; cables, 4.76 7-16. Bar silver, 75⅝; Mexican dollars, 59¼.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 724-C Marcellus Avenue, Manasquan, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in the matter of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company and George A. Grimsley, Trustee, vs. J. Hicks Bunting, et als., rendered at the December Term, 1916, of said Court, I will offer for sale to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, at the Court House door in Wilmington, N. C., on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following piece or parcel of real estate, situated in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and more specifically described as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at a point in the Western line of Front street, where the same is intersected by the Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) Street, and running thence along the Western line of Front Street Southwardly 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Grace (or Mulberry) Street 100 feet; thence Northwardly and parallel with Front Street 33 feet to the Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) Street; and thence along the said Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) street one hundred feet to the point of beginning, the same being a part of the Eastern half of Lot No. 1, Block 190, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

Terms are Cash, on confirmation by the Court, and purchase is made subject to cancellation of all liens and approval of title.

This 23rd day of December, A. D. 1916.

J. O. CARR, Commissioner.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 81 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 80 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 52 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 85 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 84 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

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W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND.			WESTBOUND.		
Leave "Electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center." for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
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5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:2 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6: P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25

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$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.

$24.55—Mobile, Ala.

$28.75—New Orleans, La.

Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 10th by depositing and paying $1.00.

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COMMISSION FORM IS ENDORSED BY MEETING

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ing that whenever a man suggests some improvement, another immediately concludes that he has something up his sleeve and decides to oppose it.

An Important Meeting.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., thought that the meeting was the most important ever held in the city of Wilmington. Mr. Ricaud had expressed his views partially but he thought that every commissioner should give a bond of $10,000 for faithful performance of duty. This was greeted with much applause. He also thought that it should be written in the charter with "letters of light" that there shall be an accounting every three months and the people informed of how financial affairs are conducted. He called attention to the urgent need of having something done before January 10th, when the new amendments become effective. He believed in education but felt that one of the forms of education most needed is to educate the people to a better form of government.

"Give us a government different from what we have," he concluded, "and whatever form we get will certainly be better than what we have."

Iredell Meares, Esq., expressed the opinion that the present charter contains all that is necessary to have an efficient form of government. He read from the charter the provision that states that the mayor shall have supervision of all departments. He thought that the people could get the kind of government they desired and felt sure that laws would not get it for them. "Give the mayor the power to run the government," he urged. He thought that the community is just as much to blame for inefficiency as the officers. He couldn't blame the mayor for not taking more authority because he would have to fight five councilmen and half the community in order to exercise it.

During the discussion it was suggested that City Attorney Robert Ruark be heard as to the general laws it is expected to enact at the approaching Legislature effecting cities and towns, but Representative Grant stated that he desired to know what the people wanted and that the means of getting it could be decided upon later. Mr. Ruark declared later in the evening after a majority of the crowd had gone that he did not care to make any statement as there were very few present.

A Parliamentary Tangle.

Former Councilman Wood started the parliamentary tangle by moving that the meeting go on record as favoring the endorsement of the real commission form of government. Mr. Roger Moore moved as a substitute that a committee be appointed to suggest to the representative the kind of government desired as he did not think the matter should be acted on hurriedly. He gave the names of the committee. He appealed to those present to lay aside personal ambitions and work for a bigger and better Wilmington.

W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., was opposed to the appointment of a committee because of the shortness of the time before the Legislature convenes. The commission form is not new and has been tried in many cities and towns, some of them in this State. In order to get relief it must be done at once. He moved as a substitute for the whole that the meeting go on record as endorsing the commission form of government and petition the representative to secure the passage of an amended charter for this form. Representative Grant ruled that this was out of order.

Recorder George Harriss was in favor of a mayor and three commissioners and opposed to a managerial form. A. G. Ricaud, Esq., then moved as a substitute for the whole in order to get an expression of opinion that all those favoring restoration of the aldermanic form with a board of audit and finance let it be known.

Mr. Thos. E. Cooper thought that the present councilmen have done the very best they can. The old aldermanic form is antiquated and he did not think the people would vote for it. This was greeted with applause. If any change is made he thought it should be to reduce the number of councilmen.

Mr. J. H. Curtis thought the working men should be given an opportunity to be heard, declaring that they would not be held down always. He declared that they would not submit to a managerial form because it looks like taking away democracy.

"Going Into Same Hole."

Mr. W. E. Springer declared that the meeting was doing the very same thing that has been done for the past six or eight years and that those present would fall into the very same hold. Various kinds of government have been tried and found wanting. "If you have had a good thing why not go back to it?" he asked. He was in favor of the old board of audit and finance and a board of aldermen. He had heard much discussion about salaries but thought there were men in Wilmington who would gladly serve for nothing in order to get the city out of a hole.

Mr. C. C. Covington wanted to go forward and not backward. The commission form had proven a success in Greensboro and he felt sure that it would in Wilmington.

Mr. J. S. Williams thought that any bill providing for a change in the charter should provide for submitting it to the people. He did not think that such a small audience was indicative of sentiment in general in the city.

Mr. T. E. Cooper moved that it was the sense of the meeting that it approved of the commission form, if any change was made, but the motion was ruled out of order by Mr. Grant and Mr. Cooper then moved that the motion before the house be tabled. Practically everybody present voted in favor of the motion.

Many left the house, others began to talk and for a time there was little semblance of order. Representative Grant declared that he was present to have a serious discussion and things quieted down a bit.

Wants People to Vote.

Recorder Harriss renewed his motion that the meeting go on record as favoring a reduction to four men for the board of commissioners with the mayor at the head. Mr. Williams wanted to amend it by putting in the provision that the matter be referred to the people.

Mr. M. W. Jacobi didn't think resolutions were in order. He felt it was time to stop experimenting and that it was time to begin co-operating. He had no criticism to make but believed that the present Council is too large and that those serving the city should receive adequate compensation to insure efficient service. He favored the abolition of ward lines and the selection of men from the entire city without regard to wards.

Mr. Ricaud then got a motion before the house that the meeting go on record as favoring a form of commission government with a mayor and three managers to be selected from the city at large. Woodus Kellum, Esq., wanted to put in a provision that the question should be submitted to the people but this never got before the house and Mr. Ricaud's motion was adopted.

Mr. S. A. Mathews, a member of the city's civil service commission, asked to be allowed to state his position with reference to the recommendation of Council that the chief of police and the chief of the fire department be placed under the civil service. He was opposed to this, he said. Mr. Walter Hatch wanted them in any event to be elected by the people. Mr. Jacobi thought it would be a mistake to place them under the civil service. The meeting went on record as opposing such legislation.

Mr. Wood called attention to the recommendation that the city be given authority to make a ten-year contract for electric lights with the Tidewater Power Co., which, he thought, would be a great mistake.

Messrs. Woodus Kellum, C. W. Woodward and J. S. Williams called attention to the fact that no charter should be made for the city which does not provide for submission to the people.

The meeting was closed after considerable discussion about the building of a bridge across the Cape Fear. Mr. Cooper got a resolution before the house which was adopted asking for a free ferry or a bridge. Hon. John D. Bellamy thought that some sort of legislation should be passed compelling the board of commissioners to do something. Chairman McGirt explained that an effort had been made to get a conference with the Brunswick commissioners without success. Taxes are growing higher all the time. He felt that New Hanover should not bear all the burden.

There was a running fire debate between Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., with reference to the turning down of the government of the application for privilege to build a bridge.

The meeting was closed with a strong appeal by Chairman Kellum, of the Board of Education that money be provided for the improvement of the schools. He stated that Representative Grant would be asked to pass a bill asking that a bond issue of $250,000 be submitted to the people. Upon motion of Marsden Bellamy, Esq., Representative Grant was asked to use his efforts to have this done. Hon. John D. Bellamy opposed a bond issue at this time while Mr. C. C. Covington was willing to have his taxes doubled if necessary in order to educate the children. Mr. D. L. Gore made a strong appeal for vocational training in the schools and that the boys and girls be taught how to work.

MAJORITY OPPOSED TO THE EDISON BATTERY

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from the other battery is more to be feared.

Captain Burd notes that an internal explosion in a lead cell at the New York yard blew off the top of the container while the Edison cell container was not damaged by a similar explosion. He points out that "it is recognized that all storage batteries are dangerous and inefficient, but they are the only means so far as I know, of furnishing propulsive power when submerged."

The Navy Department has not acted on the reports which are under consideration by bureau experts.

EIGHT ARMY AVIATORS REACH PHILADELPHIA

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without difficulty. They will make the trip back to Hempstead tomorrow when those who reached this city will return to the starting point. Captain Raynal C. Bolling descended at Monmouth, Lieutenant Kilner, and John B. Stetson, Jr., of Philadelphia, a passenger, abandoned the flight shortly after the start.

NEGRO IS KILLED

Body of Unknown Negro is Found at Crossing Near Castle Haynes

The finding of the body of an unknown negro, which was cut all to pieces by a train either before or after he was killed, was reported by Mr. E. L. Fonveille, yardmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, about 2:30 o'clock this morning to the police.

Yardmaster Fonveille, who stated that he did not know whether the negro had been killed by the train or had met with foul play and been placed on the tracks, requested the police to notify Coroner A. B. Holden and this was done. At the time of going to press the cause of the negro's death had not been determined.

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ATTENTION, ODD FELLOWS — ALL members Campbell Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., are requested to attend meeting tomorrow night. By order of Chief Patriarch, John E. Wood, Scribe. de31-1t

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FOR SALE — BEST PAYING BUSI- ness for capital invested, in the city. Good, live man can net $200.00 per month. Would consider partner, as I cannot attend to both ends. Do not answer ad. unless you mean business. Address "Business," care Gen. Delivery, City. de31-1t*

FOR SALE—ONE SAXON RUNABOUT, in good condition, for $125.00. 'Phone 1099-J. de31-1t*

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WILL THE LADY THAT ACCEPTED pair of shoes addressed to Mr. Hewlett, 717 Chestnut street, please call 533. Thank you. Sullivan, The King of Shoemakers. de31-1t*

FOR RENT — HOUSE, 315 WALNUT street, 7 rooms. All modern conveniences. Possession given January 1st. Apply J. T. Rulfs, at Peterson & Rulfs'. de31-1t

WANTED—POSITION AS CLERK, OR bookkeeping, with reliable firm. Can give good reference. Address "L," care Morning Star. de30-7t*

ROOMS FOR RENT — TWO NICE, comfortable rooms, furnished or unfurnished, to young men or couple without children; convenient and suitable for light housekeeping; private family. 'Phone 820-J or 405-J. de31-1t

FOR RENT — 503 NORTH SEVENTH street; six rooms and bath; newly painted. $10 a month. Apply 617 Red Cross. 'Phone 1135. de31-1t*

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WOOD, WOOD, WOOD—NICE PINE wood, cut and split, $1.40; stick, $1.25. 'Phone 112. Office No. 717 North 8th st. de29-7t

SAW MILLS, ATTENTION!—WE WILL buy slab wood, saw dust, shavings and pine wood. Quote price and quality, F. O. B. Wilmington. Independent Ice Company. de29-tf

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES — A well rated and established manufacturing corporation wants capable business man to manage branch office and handle salesmen. Enormous profit; $300 to $1,000 capital necessary. Write for particulars and get in business for yourself. Address Gloria Company, 1427 Carroll Ave., Chicago, Ill. se24-su-tf

ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS against Atlantic Coast Veneer Company are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to Geo. H. Hutaff, receiver. This 27th day of December, 1916. Signed Geo. H. Hutaff. de27,31;ja7,14-4t

GOOD, RELIABLE AGENTS WANTED in every Carolina town to build a profitable and permanent business, selling Accident and Health Insurance for Two Million Dollar Company, on popular Monthly Payment plan. Johnson & Adams, Southeastern Managers, Washington, D. C. de29-f,su,tu-3t

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"UNCLE SAM" WANTS MEN, WOMEN, 18 or over, as Government clerks, $100.00 month. Write immediately for list positions now open. Franklin Institute, Dep't 328 A, Rochester, N. Y. de24-su4t*

MEN, WE WILL TEACH YOU BARBER trade, pay you wages while learning, and give you paying position in our barber shop. Set of tools free, every thing for thirty dollars; fifteen dollars down and [illegible] in ten days. Jacksonville Barber College, 923 W. Bay [illegible], Fla. de24-su3t*

WANTED AT ONCE — TEN LADIES TO travel demonstrate and sell well-established line to our dealers. Previous experience not necessary. Good pay. Railroad fare paid. Goodrich Drug [illegible] 472, Omaha, Nebr. de3-su-5t*

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BULL CALF FOR SALE—SEVEN- eighths pure Holstein. Well marked and developed. First check for $15.00 gets him. Address Box 88, R. F. D. 1, City. de31-1t

NEW SERIES—THE CITIZENS BUILD- ing and Loan Association will issue a limited series of stock on Saturday, January 6th, 1917. Reservation can be made by notifying the undersigned. Jno. D. Bellamy, Secretary. de31-ja2,5-3t

WANTED—FURNISHED HOUSE SUIT- able for boarding house. Must be between Front and Fifth, Redcross and Orange streets. Address "S. A. E." care Star. de31-1t*

YOUNG LADY WANTS POSITION— Have experience in general store and bookkeeping. Will consider anything. Reference required. Address "Ethel," care Morning Star. de31-1t*

WANTED—SECOND HAND ROLL TOP desk on reasonable terms. Address A. G. Stith care Catherine Kennedy Home. de31-1t*

FOR RENT—FLAT OF 4 ROOMS. Phone 1016-W. de31-1t

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SALESMEN WANTED TO SELL HILLS Honey & Tar and other medicines to drug and country stores. Liberal free goods and premium deals. No bond asked. No cash advanced. 25 per cent. commission paid semi-monthly. New York Drug Concern, New York. de31-1t*

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SALESMAN—CAPABLE SPECIALTY man for N. C. staple line on new and exceptional terms. Vacancy now. Attractive commission contract for 1917. $35 weekly for expenses. Miles F. Bixley Co., 155-53 Carlin Bldg., Cleveland, O. de31-1t*

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ON 7TH, BETWEEN MARKET AND Princess, we have a home for sale at very reasonable price. See James & James, Southern Bldg. de31-1t

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STEAMER "THELMA" WILL TAKE freight for upper Cape Fear River points until 12:00 noon, Tuesday. W. D. Blizzard, Agent; 'Phone 954-J. de31-1t*

FOR RENT — COMFORTABLE FRONT room, with all conveniences; hot and cold water, use of 'phone; to gentlemen. No. 308 N. Fifth st., or 'Phone 1794-W. de31-1t*

NEW PULLEYS — JUST ARRIVED A complete line to select from. Your order for anything needed about your mill will receive prompt attention. Visit our machinery yard at Lingo City. de31-1t

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25 OPERATORS WANTED TO WORK in shirt factory. Steady work; can make from 50c to $1.50 per day. Write or apply Wilmington Shirt Co. de31-7t*

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FOR SALE—50 TONS OF FISH SCRAP, 50 tons blood, considerably under the market; Jan.-Feb. shipment. Write at once, if you want a bargain. J. B. Prince, Fair Bluff, N. C. de31-1t*

FOR SALE — DINING AND BEDROOM furniture, gas range and heater, rugs and carpets. Refrigerator, china and glassware. Must be sold at once. Parties leaving town. Residence, 503 Chestnut. 'Phone 765-J. de31-1t*

BARGAINS IN FURNITURE — ONE 3- piece parlor set, cost $175 new, good condition, slightly used, for less than half price. Everything dirt cheap; easy payments can be arranged. Empire Furniture Co., No. 9 South Second street. de31-1t*

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OUR STORE WILL CLOSE PROMPT- ly at 12:00 o'clock Monday, January 1st. No orders accepted after this hour. Hall & Ross. de 30-2t

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